

Momentous Session Forecast For 1973 Convention

The 138th session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, to meet in Jackson Nov. 13-15, will be highlighted by a change in the leadership of the Convention Board, to be carried out in appropriate ceremonies at the Tuesday evening session.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, the Board's executive secretary-treasurer for nearly five years, will retire and be succeeded by Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of the Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Jackson for the past six years.

Other highlights of the session will include the consideration of a record high \$5,300,000 Cooperative Program budget, an address by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, and a report on the current "Restore Gulf-shore" Campaign by Dr. David Grant, Jackson, chairman.

After hearing several outstanding messages at the First Baptist Church where the convention will meet, the 138th session will come to a close with the annual Youth Service to be held in the Mississippi Coliseum at 7:00 p.m. with the principal speaker to be Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

"Spotlighting the Executive Secretary - Treasurer" will be the theme of the special Tuesday night session, with the following outstanding leaders to participate:

Dr. Joe Odle, Jackson, editor of the Baptist Record; Dr. Robert Lee, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention; Dr. Winston Crawley, director of overseas division, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Porter Routh, Executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Dawn Gandy, well-known vocal soloist of Hattiesburg and Dr. Louie Newton, former pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta.

Following the tributes to Dr. Hudgins, the final event of the evening will be the inauguration of Dr. Kelly, likewise with appropriate ceremonies.

Following the session at the church there will be a reception for Dr. Hudgins and Dr. Kelly in the Baptist Building.

Two important related meetings will be held on Monday prior to the Convention opening Tuesday morning.

The State Convention Board will meet during the afternoon at the Baptist Building, with Dr. Robert Hamblin, Tupelo, president, presiding, and the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference will be held at the First Baptist Church, with Dr. Glendon McCullough, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, as the final speaker.

Dr. Wendell Belew, director of the Division of Missions of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will speak earlier.

James McElroy, professor of music at Clarke College, will direct the music for the service.

At 5:30 p.m. the annual banquet will be held in Fellowship Hall at Parkway Baptist Church.

Rev. E. L. Howell, Jackson, director of the Brotherhood Department of the State Convention Board, will preside.

John Bewley, minister of activities at Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, will provide the entertainment for the luncheon meeting.

Dr. David Grant, of Jackson, president, is expected to be in the chair when the convention opens Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the church.

Other featured inspirational speakers will be: Dr. James Coggin, pastor Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas; Jerry Clower, humorist and lay preacher, Yazoo City; Dr. J. Leo Green, professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; Rev. Ken Lyle, minister of associational services, Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, New York City; Dr. James L. Sullivan, president, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.; and Rev. Robert Wall, director of church relations, Mississippi College.

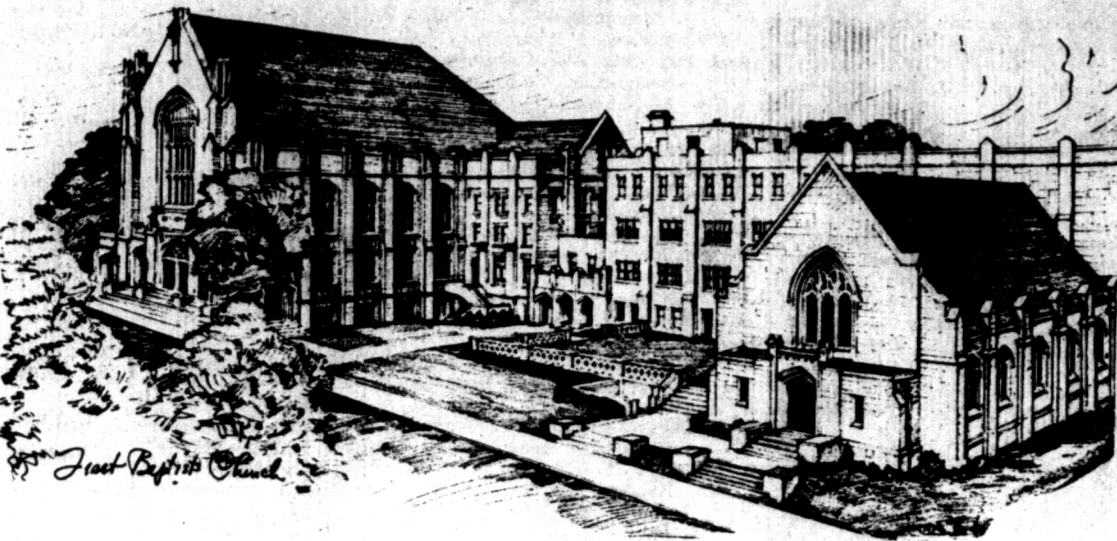
Dr. Donald Ackland, preacher and teacher of Nashville, Tenn., will lead the convention at each session in "Deeper Treasures of the Bible."

The opening Tuesday morning session will include both the president's keynote address and the convention sermon, which will be delivered this year by Rev. Clark McMurray, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pascagoula.

This session, as well as all convention sessions at the church, will feature "Moments of Inspiration," which will include scripture passages by several messengers, prayer, congregational singing and special music.

Other items of interest to come before the convention will include election of officers, reports of all its boards, institutions, agencies, committees and commissions and periods allocated for new and miscellaneous business.

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Drawing of First Baptist Church, Jackson, where State Convention Will meet Nov. 13-15

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1973 PROGRAM

Nov. 13-15 — First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

OFFICERS

President	David Grant
First Vice President	Robert Hamblin
Second Vice President	Frank Gunn
Recording Secretary	Horace Kerr
Assoc. Recording Secretary	John McDonald

ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Frank W. Gunn, Chairman, Biloxi
John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg
Tom Dunlap, Puckett
Harold Kitchings, Kosciusko
Oliver Ladnier, Magee
Bob Ramsay, Tupelo

Organist: Mrs. Bobbie Smith
Pianist: Mrs. Harold C. Waldrep

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS

Tuesday Morning

9:00 Moments of Instrumental Inspiration	Accompanist
9:15 Call To Fellowship	
Scripture Quotations	Henning Andrews
	J. A. McCain
	Horace Carpenter
	Raymond Lloyd
	David Perry
	Tommy Tutor
	Nat Mayhall
	J. M. Wood
	Alan Celoria
	Howard Benton
	David Grant
	Donald Ackland
9:30 Convention Called To Order	
9:35 Deeper Treasures of the Bible	Horace Kerr
9:55 Organization of the Convention	Frank Gunn
Recognition and Seating of Messengers	Joe McKeever
Report of Committee on Order of Business	
Welcome To Jackson	
10:15 Moments of Inspiration	
Vocal Ensemble	Carillons

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COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS UP 16.4% FOR THIS YEAR--OCTOBER UP 72.4%

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first ten months of this year, through October, totaled \$4,479,477, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$630,952 or 16.4 percent over the \$3,848,525 given the same period of 1972, Dr. Hudgins added.

Receipts for October totaled \$561,965, an increase of \$236,064 or 72.4 percent over the \$325,901 given in October of last year.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contributions.

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Tuesday Evening Will Be Memorable Date In Convention's History

Tuesday night, Nov. 13, 1973 will be a momentous, memorable and historic date in the annals of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, as a change in the leadership of the Convention Board will be effected, perhaps for the first time in history in this fashion and under such favorable circumstances.

"Spotlighting the Executive Secretary-Treasurer" will be the theme of the special service and it will include tributes to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, who will retire, and will be concluded

with the inauguration of Dr. Earl Kelly, also of Jackson, who will succeed him.

The historic evening will be concluded with a reception for Dr. Hudgins and Dr. Kelly at the nearby Mississippi Baptist Convention Building.

In addition to the large number of outstanding program personalities to be here for the 1973 State Convention, there will be several

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Rev. Clark McMurray



Dr. David Grant



Dr. W. D. Hudgins



Dr. Earl Kelly



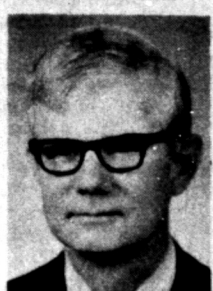
Rev. Frank Gunn



Dr. Robert Hamblin



Jerry Clower



Rev. Robert Wall

Baptists Urge Integrity For Public Officials

WASHINGTON (BP) — "Southern Baptists are deeply concerned with Biblical morality and we desire to see this morality embodied in those who lead our nation," declared Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, at a fellowship breakfast here for Baptist Congressmen.

Thirteen Baptist Congressmen and representatives of two other Baptist legislators were among those attending the breakfast, which centered on the theme, "Focus on Integrity." It was sponsored by the Christian Life Commission, the Southern Baptist social action agency.

C. Welton Gaddy of the commission staff, who led the Congressmen in a "Prayer for Integrity," said, "Our trust has been ruptured by double-talk and immoral behavior on

the part of persons in high echelons of government, our minds are troubled by a tumult of crises, our wills are frustrated as we vacillate between a sense of importance as citizens and a sense of futility.

"We pray," he said, "that leaders in this room may be among those in this 93rd Congress who by moral leadership secure once again the shaking foundations of this democracy."

The Southern Baptist president said that "because of recent tragic events, public distrust of governmental leadership and cynicism regarding the political process have increased."

Cooper expressed gratitude that, in spite of the continuing scandals in government, "there are so many Southern Baptist Senators and Congressmen as well as other outstanding Christian leaders in the United States government."

Referring to the Southern Baptist constituency, Cooper told the Congressmen, "We are a people who quickly grow impatient with anyone who attempts to use the processes of government for personal gain, to deceive voters or violate basic personal rights and liberties given to us by almighty God and guaranteed for us by the Constitution."

In spite of Watergate and related scandals, Cooper said Baptists "still believe in this government's ability to function effectively and justly. We want to encourage the citizens who attend our churches not to withdraw but to involve themselves even more meaningfully in the political process."

Of 52 members of Congress who are Baptists, 26 had indicated plans to attend the fellowship breakfast, but

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Suits Needed For Pastors In Montana

Seventy new suits of clothes are needed this year for the Baptist pastors of Montana, to be presented to them in time for Christmas, according to T. Cooper Walton, Jackson, chairman of the suit committee of the Mississippi Baptist Pioneer Missions Committee.

Rev. J. W. Brister, Gulfport, chairman of the Missions Committee, said this project of raising money for suits for Montana pastors has become an annual event.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board several years ago "adopted" Montana as the state in which Mississippi Baptists would "center" their pioneer missions work, all on an "over and above" missions basis.

Mr. Walton said the suits would cost \$75.00 each and that a person could give part of the cost of a suit, or one or more suits.

Mr. Walton said that in past years contributions had been received from individuals, including many deacons, and organizations such as Sunday school classes and other groups.

Mr. Walton said that he and the committee had received warm words and expressions of appreciation from the Montana pastors for the suits.

He added that often suits had also been given to pastors throughout the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, which is composed of Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota.

Mr. Walton is asking all those who wish to make contributions to make their checks out to the Pioneer Mis-

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Mississippian New Editor Of Broadman Inspirational Books

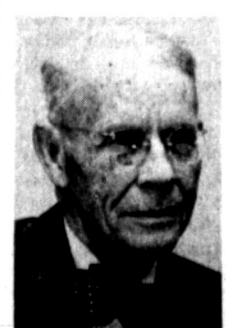
NASHVILLE — J. S. Johnson, audiovisual production consultant for Broadman Press since 1970, has been named editor of inspirational books in the Broadman products department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

A native of Tennessee, Johnson graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, and from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Prior to joining the board's staff he served as superintendent of missions for the George County (Miss.) Baptist Association and the Jasper County (Miss.) Baptist Association.

Earlier he served as pastor for churches in Mississippi and Alabama.

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Dr. Louie Newton



Dr. Porter Routh



Mrs. Dawn Gandy



Dr. Joe T. Odle



Dr. Robert Lee



Dr. Winston Crawley

138th Session, MBC, Begins Tuesday

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Broadmoor Baptist Church	
Hymn	J. M. Wood
Vocal Message	Sarah Grant Perkins
10:25 President's Address	David Grant
"Competency and Responsibility"	
10:50 Congregational Participation	Jim Bain
Responsive Reading No. 2 Fellowship	
10:55 Introduction of New Workers	W. Douglas Hudgins
Pastors	
Staff Members	
Directors of Student Work	
Superintendents of Missions	
Recognition of Southern Baptist Chaplains	
11:15 Together We Worship:	
Hymn	J. M. Wood
Scripture Reading and Prayer	Bob Simmons
Vocal Message	Graham Smith
Convention Sermon	Clark McMurray
11:55 Inspiration For Departure	
Benediction	Marjean Patterson
Vocal Response "Share God's Love"	Kathy McNair

Tuesday Afternoon

1:50 Instrumental Prelude	
2:00 Moments of Inspiration	
Scripture: Concern For The Lost	Holmes Carlisle
	Danny Prater
	W. C. Smith
	L. D. Wall
Hymn	Tommy Spigener
Prayer	A. V. Windham
Choral Message	Ladies Ensemble
	Baptist Building
	Donald Ackland
2:10 Deeper Treasures of The Bible	Tommy Spigener
2:30 Congregational Participation	
2:35 Business Period	
Election of Officers	
Report of Committee on Committees	James Richardson
Resolutions Presented and Referred	
Report of Committee on Constitution	
and Bylaws	John G. McCall
Miscellaneous Business	
3:10 Moments of Inspiration	
Muffets Presentation	Veteria and Derrell
First Baptist Church, Kosciusko	Billingsley
3:15 Annuity Board	Frank Durham
3:25 Presentation of 1974 Budget	John E. Barnes, Jr.
3:35 Together We Worship:	
Prayer	Norman Rodgers
Vocal Ensemble	Clara Baptist Church
	Clara, Mississippi
	Ken Lyle
Message	
4:15 Inspiration For Departure	
"The Lord's Prayer"—Signed by	Mrs. Gloria Gladney
Interpreted by	Jerry St. John
Sung by	Mrs. Charlotte Odom

Tuesday Evening

Dr. Robert Hamblin, Presiding	
6:50 Moments of Instrumental Inspiration	
7:00 Spotighting The Executive Secretary-Treasurer	
Congregational Singing	
7:10 Recognitions and Introductions	
7:20 W. Douglas Hudgins, a Spiritual Leader	Joe T. Odle
7:30 W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary	Robert Lee
7:40 W. Douglas Hudgins, Missionary	Winston Crawley

THESE ARE THE 1973 NEW BAPTIST RECORDS OF THE 138TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION, NOVEMBER 13-15, 1973, AT THE MISSISSIPPI COLISEUM, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

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at the last minute congressional duties prevented several from attending. Two former members of Congress, a Methodist Congressman and 25 Baptist leaders from various parts of the country also attended.

Christian Life Commission Executive Secretary Foy Valentine said the primary purpose of the breakfast was for "fellowship and affirmative support" of those in Congress who struggle to maintain integrity in public life.

Cecil E. Sherman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C., and chairman of the Christian Life Commission, emphasized that moral-

ity is the same for Christians wherever they happen to be.

Whether people are in the backwoods of the country or in highly sophisticated areas or in Congress, "people are people and being a Christian is just being a Christian wherever you are," Sherman said.

Sherman then outlined the ethics that, he said, "all Americans need to see and a large majority of Americans want to see embodied in their governmental leaders."

"We are to love God," he said. "We are to place our loyalty to Him above all other loyalties. We are to live

simply, for the clutter of many things will corrupt us. We are to tell the truth. We are to honor our families. We are to live temperate lives. We are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We are to 'bear one another's burdens.' These are the great ideas of the Christian ethic."

Gaddy, director of Christian citizenship development for the Christian Life Commission, organized the breakfast which took place in the private dining room for Congressmen in the United States Capitol.

Other Mississippians in attendance, besides Mr. Cooper, were Rep. David Bowen, and Dr. J. Clark Hensley of the Christian Action Commission.

Tuesday Evening

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well known state and Southern Baptist leaders present for the special Tuesday evening session only.

Those to be present for this session are personalities with whom Dr. Hudgins has been closely associated in his work as a Southern Baptist and state leader over the years, as well as personal friends. Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, president of the Convention Board, will preside.

Following congregational singing, there will be recognitions and introductions.

The first tribute to Dr. Hudgins will be given by Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson, editor of the Baptist Record since 1959, whose topic will be "Dr. Hudgins as a Spiritual Leader."

Dr. Robert Lee, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and formerly a pastor in Mississippi, will represent the executive secretaries of the various states and pay tribute to Dr. Hudgins as an executive secretary.

Dr. Winston Crawley, director of the Overseas Division, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., will pay tribute to Dr. Hudgins as a missionary. Dr. Hudgins has always had a profound interest in Baptist missions and is now serving as president of the Foreign Mission Board.

"Dr. Hudgins, Southern Baptist," will be the topic of Dr. Porter Routh, of Nashville, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Hudgins has served in several leading positions in the Southern Baptist Convention, as a member of various convention agencies, on one occasion preached the Convention sermon and served for several years as chairman of the SBC Executive Committee.

Special music will be rendered in the form of a vocal message by Mrs. Dawn Gandy, formerly of Jackson and now of Hattiesburg. She has sung on many occasions in which Dr. Hudgins has participated or been honored, and her presence at this service will therefore be appropriate.

Dr. Louie Newton, former pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, and long time associate and close personal friend of Dr. Hudgins for many years, will bring the closing tribute.

Following the tribute to Dr. Hudgins, the inaugural ceremonies for Dr. Kelly as Dr. Hudgins' successor, will be held with an interesting and likewise appropriate service.

Dr. Kelly has been pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church of Jackson the past six years, and was chairman of the Convention Board's Executive Committee when the other members of the committee recommended his election to the post of executive secretary-treasurer-elect.

Benediction Mrs. Jan Collum McCullough
Charles Hollifield

Wednesday Evening

6:50 Instrumental Prelude	
7:00 Moments of Inspiration	Larry Black
Hymn	
Songs of Witness	First Baptist Church, Jackson
Don't Feel Sorry	Joy
Redemption Draweth Nigh	Sanctuary Choir
7:10 Deeper Treasures of The Bible	Donald Ackland
7:30 Gulfshore Report	David Grant
7:40 An Adventure in Pioneer Missions	J. W. Brister and Robert Wall
8:15 Together We Worship:	
Prayer	W. Baldwin Lloyd
Songs of Testimony	Sanctuary Choir, First Baptist Church
Trumpets — Lloyd Turner & James Moore	Jackson
Message	Owen Cooper
9:00 Inspiration For Departure	
Benediction	Bob Lynch

Thursday Morning

8:50 Instrumental Prelude	
9:00 Call To Fellowship	Aven Whittington
Psalm 100	John Ray Burke
Doxology	Men's Quartet
Choral Message	
Tom Mercer, Director	Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson
9:10 Deeper Treasures of The Bible	Donald Ackland
9:30 Reading of The Minutes	
9:40 Report of Committee on Resolutions	
10:00 Moments of Inspiration	John Ray Burke
Hymn	
Vocal and Visual Presentation	Dan C. Hall — Robert Wall
10:10 Message	James Sullivan
10:35 Congregational Participation	J. B. Miller
Responsive Reading No. 74 Our Great Commission	
10:40 Panel Presentation	Hardy Denham, Moderator
Baptist Children's Village	Paul Nunnery
Baptist Foundation	Carey Cox
Baptist Record	Joe Odle
Christian Action Commission	Clark Hensley
Cooperative Missions Department	Foy Rogers
Evangelism Department	Roy Collum
Work With Negro Baptists	Dick Brogan
11:20 Together We Worship:	
Hymn	John Ray Burke
Comments and Vocal Message	Mr. & Mrs. Major McDaniel
Message	Baker J. Cauthen
12:00 Inspiration For Departure	
Mississippi Missionaries Around The World	
Pictorial Review	
Prayer of Love and Concern	W. Douglas Hudgins

Thursday Evening

YOUTH NIGHT PROGRAM

7:00 P.M.—MISSISSIPPI COLISEUM

Moments of Instrumental Inspiration	Sanctuary Choir & Revelation
Choral Message	First Baptist Church, Jackson
Call To Order	Dr. David Grant
Testimony in Song	Larry Black
Singing Together	
Announcements and Introductions	Dr. David Grant
Prayer	Dr. Earl Kelly
Special Feature	Buddy Mathis
Singing Together	
Personal Testimony	David Glaze
Choral Message	Sanctuary Choir & Revelation
	First Baptist Church, Jackson
Message	Dr. Baker J. Cauthen
Opportunity for Decision	
Benediction	Dr. John Lee Taylor



Call For Integrity In Public Life

Baptist and governmental leaders call for integrity in public life. From left—Brooks Hays, former congressman, Rep. Richard H. Fulton (D., Tenn.), Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, Rep. William Jennings Bryan Dorn (D., S.C.) and Cecil E. Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C., and chairman of the Christian Life Commission.

The Convention President Speaks

One of the easiest things we can say and/or request is "pray for us." Most of the time, we do not take it very seriously unless we are personally involved. Well, I am personally involved and you are, too. Most of you do not realize your involvement and therefore, do not realize the need of prayer as I do.

I am referring to the State Convention which meets at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, November 13 - 15. You, who know me personally, know I am only a pastor. I do not hang my shingle out as a parliamentarian. So from the standpoint of presiding at the convention, I approach the task with dual emotions. I approach the occasion deeply humbled with the high honor of serving as president of this great convention. But I also approach it knowing well my inadequacies. Therefore, pray! Pray for me. Pray for the speakers. Pray for the business sessions. Pray for the decisions made by vote. Pray for the music. Pray for the spirit.

For your information, I have asked Bro. Orvil E. Hooker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Byram, to be my parliamentarian. Orvil is a good friend of mine and of Mississippi Baptists. He has taught these procedures on the college level and knows his business. I have made a personal request that he be at all business sessions of the convention.

I am excited about those three days. I hope you are. Let's resolve among us to have the best spirit Mississippi Baptists have ever known. Let's make it a true spiritual experience. Let's resolve to do things for God in an orderly, business-like, big and enthusiastic way.

I'll see you at the convention, and I shall pray for you as you do for me. —David Grant.



Rev. J. W. Brister, Gulfport, (left), chairman of the Pioneer Missions Committee, is seen looking over the list of Montana pastors with T. Cooper Walton, Jackson, chairman of the suit committee of the group, prior to announcing the drive for funds.

Suits Needed - - -

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sions Committee, marked "for Montana Suits," and send them to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

He urged that these contributions be made as soon as possible so there would be no delay in making delivery of the suits before Christmas.

Mr. Walton said that the Baptist pastors in Montana generally live on much smaller budgets than pastors in many other areas and the suits are a great help to them.

The Foreign Mission Board receives operating funds from many different sources. The total estimated amount available for 1973 operating budget has been \$33,891,996.43. The mainline of support was from the Cooperative Program with \$16,319,959. At least \$12,500,000 has come from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Close to \$2,000,000 came from designated gifts; \$964,000 from miscellaneous income.

The Foreign Mission Board is the largest evangelical sending body in the United States. The five largest evangelical sending groups are the Southern Baptist Convention, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc., General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, United Methodist Church, and Sudan Interior Mission, Inc.

MESSENGERS
Please Note
Messengers to the 1974 session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention need to make note now of two special telephone numbers that will be serving the Convention.
Recording Secretary — 355-2971.
Registration and Information — 355-3189
All calls should be made to these numbers; not to the office of the First Baptist Church.
W. Douglas Hudgins,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer



Men's Conference Performers Announced

The Clarke College choir (above photo) under direction of James McElroy, professor of music at the college, will bring special music at the evening session of the Baptist Men's Conference, Monday, Nov. 12 at the First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Photo at right shows John Bewley, minister of activities at Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, and his companion, "Willie," who will provide entertainment at the annual banquet that afternoon at 5:30 at Parkway Church.

The conference will begin at the church at 2:30 and close that night with a rally with Dr. Glendon McCullough of Memphis as speaker.



Momentous Convention Forecast For '73

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Missions, with particular emphasis on "personal commitment to mission involvement," will be the emphasis at this year's youth night session of the State Convention, to be held on Thursday night, in the Mississippi Coliseum, beginning at 7 o'clock.

The service will begin with "Moments of Instrumental Inspiration," followed by a choral message by the Sanctuary Choir and Revelation from the First Baptist Church of Jackson.

Larry Black, minister of music of

the church, will direct this presentation and also the music for the service and give a testimony in song.

Buddy Mathis, a student at Mississippi College, will present a special feature, with David Glaze, also a student from Mississippi College, to give a personal testimony.

Dr. Cauthen's address will be followed by an "opportunity for decision."

The Coliseum, which seats about 10,000 for this service, has been filled to overflowing each year for the past several years.

Dr. Grant will be assisted in presiding over the convention by Dr. Robert Hamblin, Tupelo, first vice-president, and Rev. Frank Gunn, Biloxi, second vice-president.

Horace Kerr, Jackson, is recording secretary, with Rev. John McDonald, also of Jackson, associate recording secretary.

Convention organist will be Mrs. Bobbie Smith, of the host church, with the pianist to be Mrs. Harold C. Waldrep, of Holly Springs.

"Your Opportunity For An . . . Encounter With Greatness" will be the theme of this year's convention.

Other members of the order of business committee are: Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg; Rev. Tom Dunlap, Puckett; Dr. Harold T. Kitchings, Kosciusko; Rev. Oliver Ladner, Magee, and Dr. Bob Ramsay, Tupelo.

Cadet's Discarded Clothing Drive Aids Many In Three States

COLORADO, SPRINGS, Colo. (EP) — More than six tons of discarded cadet clothing from the Air Force Academy here have been put to use by the Salvation Army, boys' ranches in Colorado, and by Indian students in New Mexico and South Dakota.

The uniforms, dyed a deeper blue and converted to Salvation Army "style," are part of Protest SCOPE (Senior Cadets Offering Personal Effects), an idea conceived two years ago by Charles Beachy, a civilian employee at the academy.

About 800 cadet blouses have been given to the Salvation Army in Colorado Springs.

move from Jackson was not approved.

Dr. Cockroft said he would continue to serve on Union's board of trustees "as well as assist it in its efforts to have a new campus and a quality program" but he did not state he would make another large gift to construct a new campus in Jackson.

Union University President Robert E. Craig said he has "a great respect and appreciation for the Cockrofts and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Johnson. They have sought to be generous, to insure Union University of a new campus and have been positively Christian in their actions.

\$5 Million Bid - - -

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area Baptists who did not want to see the university move from their city, but also from some Baptists elsewhere who were opposed to the strings attached to the gift. The trustees approved the proposal by a vote of 23-17 in September.

Dr. Cockroft, chairman of the board of United Inns, Inc., the largest franchise holder of Holiday Inns in the nation, made 11 different stipulations in his proposal to give the school \$5 million over a five-year period.

The stipulations include requirements that the university remain theologically conservative, academically excellent, change its name, take no direct U. S. government funds and move to Shelby County.

He also asked that two-thirds of the trustees be laymen, that two Southern Baptist members of his charitable trusts organization be members of the trustees — requirements that would have necessitated changing the bylaws of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, which owns the school and elects the trustees.

Originally Dr. Cockroft said he could withhold funds "if in my opinion" the school does not follow the requirements. But he amended that to "if in the opinion of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention" during the meeting of the Union trustees when his proposal was accepted, 23-17.

In announcing his decision to withdraw the offer, Dr. Cockroft issued a prepared statement to the Memphis news media, saying he made the decision "with no malice to those who have been opposed to this offer, but because we believe it is the best interest of the Tennessee Baptist Convention."

He said that some persons who were opposed to his offer "misunderstood and misinterpreted our intentions and actions. Our desire," he said, "was to help the college, not to hurt or hinder it."

It is not known if the Johnsons will withdraw their \$1 million portion of the \$6 million package. In September, a university spokesman quoted Johnson as saying he would not give \$1 million but would give \$1.00 to the school for every \$7.00 it raises if the

15 District Music Festivals To Be Held In January

Fifteen district music festivals will be held January 24, 25, and 26, 1974. Individuals attending may participate in either of these group divisions: piano, organ, vocal solo, vocal group, song leading, basic conducting. The Church Music Department, MCB, is sponsoring these meetings.

The Thursday, January 24, festivals will meet at First, Eupora, with Mrs. Loye Stephens as leader; at First, Philadelphia, Allyn Moore, leader; Immanuel, Natchez, Donald Moore, leader; Ridgecrest, Jackson, Tom Moak, festival leader; North Oxford at Oxford, with Ron Lambie as leader; Highland, Laurel, Harrel Wilcox, leader.

Friday, January 25, festivals will be held at West Jackson Street Church, Tupelo, with Danny Cook as festival leader; Fairview, Columbus, H. G.

Earwood, leader; Monticello Church, Lewis Bridges, leader.

Saturday, January 26, festivals will meet at Alta Woods, Jackson, Bill Pharr, leader; First, Senatobia, Farley Earnest, leader; Calvary, Greenville, Mrs. Sarah Taylor, leader; 38th Avenue, Hattiesburg, Jimmy McCaleb, leader; First, Long Beach, Charles Red, leader; First, Moss Point, J. T. Hannaford, leader.

January 24 and 25, orientation will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the festival at 6:45 p.m. On January 26, orientation will begin at 9:15 a.m. and the festival will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Bill Pharr, Alta Woods Church, Jackson, is coordinator for the festivals.

For further information, contact Dan C. Hall, director, Church Music Department, Miss. Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

For Foreign Missions Day

Dr. Baker Cauthen, Bob And Delores Magee To Speak At Morrison Heights On Nov. 11

The executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, will be the featured speaker at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, Sunday, November 11, observing Foreign Missions Day. He will speak at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

Before becoming executive secretary, Dr. Cauthen was the board's secretary for the Orient, missionary to China, missions professor at Southwestern Seminary, and pastor of rural and city churches.

When Dr. Cauthen assumed his present post twenty years ago, 900 missionaries served in 33 countries. Today, 2500 missionaries work in 77 countries.

Special music for these two services at Morrison Heights will be rendered by Bob Magee, who has just returned from his first term of service as a music missionary in Chile, South America. Bob served the Morrison

Heights Church as minister of music from 1968 to 1970.

In the worship service at 7:30 p.m., Mr. Magee and his wife, Delores, will feature their work on the Chilean mission field with slides and music. Their two children, Robert, 7, and Melany, 4, will accompany them.

Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor, issues to the public a cordial invitation to attend these worship services.

Luck is a wonderful thing. The harder a person works, the more of it he seems to have.

The grandmother who used to sew on buttons now has a granddaughter who just pushes them.

All church buildings should be air-conditioned; it is unhealthy to sleep in a stuffy room.

Another thing this country needs is fewer self-made widows.

Pastors' Retreat Held At Camp Garaywa



Baptist pastors and superintendents of missions from every section of the State gathered at Camp Garaywa Oct. 29-31 for a retreat sponsored by two departments of the Convention Board, Music and Stewardship, and the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. Photo at left shows part of those at Tuesday night supper. Second picture is that of Dr. William Hendricks, professor at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, speaking to group. Third photo shows Rev. John Alexander, director of Stewardship Department (at right), talking to two speakers, Dr. Walter L. Moore, pastor emeritus of Cedartown, Ga., (center) and Rev. Hardy Denham, pastor of First Church, Newton. Picture at right shows four program personalities, from left: Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor First Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor, First Church, Biloxi; Rev. Carey Cox, secretary of Foundation, and Dr. Perry Perkins, pastor of First Church, Greenwood. Other program personalities not shown are Dr. Grady Cothen, president, New Orleans Seminary; Dan Hall, director Music Department; Dr. John G. McCall, pastor First Church, Vicksburg.

Sojourners: New Mission Ministry For Youth

Dr. Foy Rogers, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, announces that beginning this year the Home Mission Board, SBC, is offering a new ministry called SOJOURNERS.

SOJOURNERS, which will be offered through the Special Mission Ministries Department of the Home Board, is designed for those young persons who would like to do mission work but do not meet the age or educational qualifications of other ministries.

Two different terms of service will be available:

(1) Summer Sojourner: a ten-week summer term — the worker must have completed his/her junior or senior year of high school and be 25 years of age or younger.

(2) Year-Long Sojourner: a year-

long term with the option to renew for a second year — the worker must be a high school graduate, 25 years of age or younger.

All of the expenses for these workers will be supplied by parents, home church, the individual, or a combination — thus the Home Mission Board and the field assume no financial obligation. However, if the field can provide housing, food, and/or transportation on the field, the work would be greatly enhanced.

Sojourners will be assigned to their home state or an adjoining state for service, but it is possible for more distant assignments to be made.

The types of work that they will do will include youth work, Christian social ministries, language work, rest ministries, and church extension (including primarily mission Bible

schools, surveys, day camp, etc.) Sojourners can be used as supplements to summer missionaries.

Associations, churches, or other groups who would be interested in the possibility of using the talents of Sojourners are urged to write to Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Cooperative Missions Department, MCB, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

Young persons interested in being appointed as Sojourners may write to Dr. Rogers for an application blank. Applications are due by February 15 of the year of assignment. They will be accepted from single students only.

Qualifications require mature Christians, active in Baptist church, with definite interest in missions; parental approval and support; good health (physical, mental, emotional); and unquestionable character.

Orientation will be the responsibility of the area to which the Sojourner is assigned to work. For the year-long Sojourners the dates and length of orientation will be determined by the Department of Special Mission Ministries for each group assigned to serve. Supervisors, as well as workers, will be expected to attend orientation. Personnel will be recruited, processed, and assigned by the Department of Special Mission Ministries, Home Mission Board, SBC.

Any young person already serving in this capacity or who will be serving during the summer can be appointed as a Sojourner if you will notify either Dr. Rogers in Jackson or the Department of Special Mission Ministries of the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

Stanfield To Speak At N. O. Seminary Reunion

Dr. V. L. Stanfield, professor of preaching at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, will speak next Wednesday at the annual reunion of the Mississippi Chapter of the New Orleans Seminary Alumni Association. The luncheon will be held at Calvary Church. Tickets will be available at the Baptist Book Store and in the lower auditorium of the First Baptist Church.

Dr. Stanfield has served as Professor of Preaching at New Orleans Seminary since 1959.

Dr. Stanfield will bring an up to date report on the expanding work of the New Orleans Seminary.

BRAGA, Portugal — Several hundred of the 50,000 people in this city, known as the "Rome of Portugal," have visited the recently erected Baptist church, one of only three evangelical churches here. Osvaldo Bomfim, missionary from the Brazilian Baptist Convention, is pastor of the new Baptist mission work.



150 Present For Library Conference

A total of 150 church library workers, from every section of the state, were present for the annual workshop of the Mississippi Baptist Library Organization, held Nov. 2-3 in Jackson and sponsored by the Sunday School Department, Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, director. Several present were, from left: Mrs. Toxie Givens, Jr., Hazlehurst; Mr. Cummings, Mrs. W. H. Hight, Louisville, publicity chairman; Mrs. Janet Jordan, Jackson, president; John Hack, Church Library Department, Nashville, and Edgar L. Savage, Golden Triangle Association, Nederland, Texas.

Rev. P. S. Dodge Dies At 77 In Gulfport, Was Gulf Coast Pastor Nearly Sixty Years

Rev. Paul Sheldon Dodge, 77, whose ministry in the Baptist churches of the Gulf Coast spanned nearly 60 years, died October 23 at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport where he had been confined for eight days.

Funeral services were held at First Church in Gulfport, October 25.

Mr. Dodge was born April 8, 1896, in Escatawpa. He later moved to Gulfport where in 1916, he was licensed to preach by First Baptist Church.

During his ministry he served numerous churches and missions as pastor and sponsor. These included Grace Memorial, Gulfport, and Providence at Turkey Creek. He served as Sunday school director at Fernwood before his ordination.

Mr. Dodge once related that he had been converted to Christianity through the First Methodist Church. Thus the son of a Presbyterian father and a Methodist mother, he became identified with all denominations, lending his personal service to anyone of any faith — even those without faith — performing their weddings and preaching their funerals.

The Gulf Coast community turned

out en masse on April 25, 1971, at Joseph Milner Stadium in Gulfport to pay tribute to the pastor and his wife on the occasion of his first 55 years of ministering to the spiritual needs of the area.

His record of funeral orations was claimed by local funeral homes to have reached a volume greater than any other area pastor. In fact, just weeks before his death, he was still ministering.

His church letter at the time of his death was in Riverside at DeLisle.

In addition to his work in the religious field, he was also noted for the continued growth of his printing and publication firm, Dodge Printing Co., located at 2510 29th St., Gulfport, which he started 50 years ago. The company is now operated by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Flurry.

The Dodge family has been a traditional part of the Coast community for the better part of a century. Mr. Dodge's survivors include his wife, Mrs. Maye Edwards Dodge, a son, Paul S. (Jack) Dodge Jr., two daughters, Mrs. Doris Ruth Flurry and Mrs. Annie Laura File; two brothers, J. B. Dodge and J. M. Dodge, all of Gulfport; a sister, Mrs. Virgie McDonald, Mobile; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mrs. Hypatia Quarles.

Rev. and Mrs. Dodge resided at 3404 12th St., Gulfport.

Dr. Lewis Rhodes, pastor, Broadway, Knoxville, Tenn., delivered the main message at the funeral. Dr. John Traylor, pastor, First, Gulfport, gave the opening brief history of Mr. Dodge's work and life. Jimmy Cutrell, minister of music at First, Gulfport, sang. Dr. R. R. Darby, pastor at Riverside, and Mr. Dodge's pastor, read the scripture.

Palbearers were fellow Gulf Coast pastors. Interment was in Coalville Cemetery at Woolmarket.

Contributions are still being given to the Paul Sheldon Dodge Scholarship Fund at Jefferson Davis Junior College. This fund was set up by the committee that arranged the 55-year celebration. It is used to help needy students who might not otherwise be able to attend college. It has a board of directors and is handled through the Hancock Bank at Gulfport.

BANGKOK, Thailand — Baptist Royal Ambassador (RA) boys representing four nationalities and several languages recently kicked off the RA program of Calvary Baptist Church here with a three-day campout at the Baptist camp near the Gulf of Siam. The 38 boys and 15 men who attended participated in activities ranging from mission study and worship to physical fitness and handicraft.

Stanton To Speak At Abe Lincoln Awards

FORT WORTH (BP) — Frank Stanton, president of Columbia Broadcasting System before his retirement in March, will be featured speaker here at the fifth annual Abe Lincoln Awards to distinguished broadcasters. The awards, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will be held Feb. 7, 1974.

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"In this position we need a person of innovative, creative ability," said James W. Clark, director of the board's Broadman division.

"We need a person who is able to relate well to authors; and one who can develop books that will help churches to be more effective in their ministry and that will help Christians to grow. We feel we have such a person in Joe Johnson."

Johnson is the author of Broadman's "Preacher, you're the best pasture we've ever had!"

Stevens Marks 20th Year At Convention's Radio-TV Agency

FORT WORTH (BP) — With a touch of fun and slapstick, the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission honored its president, Carl M. Stevens, for 20 years service as the agency's chief executive.

Gifts and tributes were presented by commission board members, employees and city civic leaders, commemorating Stevens' tenure.

A humorous film, produced by employees and called "movie drone news," noted that Stevens, with "his shoeshine, his smile and a hard head," had led his staff in the production of more than 3,600 radio and television programs.

Porter Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, added to the tongue-in-cheek quality of the gathering. He presented Stevens "a bill for \$9 million, because you said back in 1958 that if we raised your budget to a certain level you'd never ask for more. Since that time you've asked for at least \$9 million more."

In a serious vein, Routh said the commission has received over \$17 million through the Cooperative Program, since Stevens was elected in 1953, to communicate the Christian message through radio and television.

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Annual Convention To Be Outstanding

The time is at hand for the 1973 Mississippi Baptist annual convention. It is to be held at First Church, Jackson, next week, and promises to be one of the finest meetings that the convention ever has held.

The Order of Business Committee has prepared a program which incorporates several innovations, and provides inspiration and interest at every session. Plenty of time also is given for the handling of all convention business.

Numerous outstanding speakers appear on the program, with well known personalities from both within and without the state participating. Panels will present various phases of the convention work, providing a new means of reporting what Mississippi Baptists are accomplishing through their institutions and agencies.

The Youth Night program on Thursday evening, is expected to be one of the best ever held. The featured speaker will be Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and one of the greatest mission executives in the world today. Other widely known personalities also are on the program.

This is a convention session, which, unlike meetings which will be assembling at the same time in some other states, has nothing foreseeably controversial.

The convention Board will bring a recommendation of the largest budget in the history of Mississippi Baptists to be set for 1974 work. Present reports indicate that the convention will reach, and probably surpass this year's budget goal. The support and cooperation of Mississippi Baptist churches never has been finer.

One important anticipated report will relate to the drive for restoration at Gulfshore, which now is under way. Leaders have a feeling that they may be able to report complete victory in the giving and pledging at the time of the meeting, and if not, that the move will be so far along that there can be optimism and rejoicing.

A special event of historical significance at the meeting will be the "changing of the guard." Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention Board for the past (almost) five years, will come to his official retirement on the first night of the convention, and Dr. Earl Kelly, newly elected Secretary-Treasurer will be inaugurated at the same service.

Dr. Hudgins, who had served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, for 23 years, came to the convention board office, after the untimely death of Dr. Chester L. Quarles while on a mission trip in South America. Under his leadership, the convention board has strongly undergirded the whole financial program of the convention, has reached and passed its budget goal each of the past two years, with every indication that it will do so again this year, and the convention is in as sound condition financially and spiritually as it ever has been.

Dr. Earl Kelly, comes to the convention well prepared for his task. He has served for several years as pastor of one of the larger churches in the state; has been president of the convention; and has served on the convention board and the executive committee for a number of years. He was chairman of the executive committee, when he was chosen to be the new convention leader. He comes to the convention in a time of strength both in the program and in the churches, and there is great promise that he will be leading into the best years the convention ever has known.

This should be a good convention, and perhaps a great and memorable one. Every Baptist in the state should pray for the presence and leadership of the spirit in the sessions, and for a unity and fellowship which the Lord can use.

It is hoped that churches all over the state will send both pastors and laymen, to share in this meeting. The broader the representation, and the larger the attendance, the greater will be the impact that the sessions will make on Baptist life all across the state.



For A Closer Look

EDUCATION...what's happening

"1984" COULD ARRIVE UNNOTICED

Communications technology has extended our senses over the entire globe. . . . Through the computer the capabilities of the human mind are being extended, and through the marriage of these two technologies, the ability to extend both the range and the tightness of control of organizations is being expanded. It is this aspect of technology that most concerns those critics who fear a society increasingly dominated by technique. . . .

The threat has two aspects to it. The first, and perhaps most insidious, is that which arises from reasonable and straightforward applications of new technology which make the whole fabric of society more complex and require that we all live and work within narrowly defined norms for the "system" to work effectively, trading individuality for efficiency in industry, government, and school. . . .

The second, more immediate threat comes from surveillance, which modern technology subjects us to. Interconnected data banks, legal, surveillance systems, easily employed and sometimes illicit electronics eavesdropping devices are so common that many people just assume that their telephones are monitored. . . .

The great danger which must be recognized and counteracted is that such a de-personalizing state of affairs could occur without specific overt decisions, without high-level encouragement or support, and totally independent of malicious intent. The great danger is that we could become "information bound," because each step in the development of an "information tyranny" appeared to be constructive and useful. . . .

I used to suspect that it would be much easier to guard against a malicious oppressor than to avoid being slowly but most surely dominated by an information Frankenstein of our own creation. Watergate has demonstrated I was clearly not worried enough about improper uses of technology. —Jerome B. Wiesner, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in an address to the International Communications Association Conference. . . .

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"

"A sub-systems communications engineer in synchronous-satellite development, establishing module design and defining internal-external interface requirements and performing breadboard and flight-hardware tests."

On The MORAL SCENE...

Nations and Trust — "The Swiss are the most trustworthy nationally, with Americans second and the British third, according to a poll of attitudes in five major European countries (Atlantic Community News, March-April, 1973). The poll was carried out in France, Belgium, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands by David Handley of the University of Geneva and Ronald Inglehart of Michigan State University, in cooperation with the European Community Information Services. Some 78 percent of the respondents said that they trusted the Swiss, 60 percent the Americans, and 61 percent the British." (From "Who Trusts Whom?" in Intellectual Digest, October 1973)

Morals and Sports — "In less than a generation, the prevailing sports ethos in America has shifted from, 'It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game' to 'Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing.' . . . Sports represent a key joint in any society. To turn this society toward peaceful, humane change, we can begin with reform of sports. Some intellectual have ignored this aspect of our life, believing somehow that sports are beyond serious consideration. They are quite mistaken. . . . Sports are too beautiful and profound for simplistic slogans. How we play the game may turn out to be more important than we imagine, for its signifies nothing less than our way of being in the world." (From "Winning Isn't Everything. It's Nothing," in Intellectual Digest, October 1973)



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilda Fancher—

William Saroyan's "The Oyster and the Pearl" is a brief drama about the complexity of human life made simpler by the philosophy of an eccentric small-town barber named Harry Van Dusen. Saroyan creates a town of 909 people for his setting and calls it O.K.-by-the-Sea, California.

Harry's ten-year-old friend, Clay Larrabee, is sad because his daddy has left home. When Clay finds an oyster, he is sure there is a big pearl in it to sell for money enough that his dad will come back home.

Harry sends Clay and some other children for his watch-repairing friend Wozzeck to come open the oyster. While they're gone, Miss McCutcheon, the town's new teacher, takes Harry to task after figuring out that he intends to have Wozzeck plant a pearl in the oyster so that three hundred dollars can find its way to Clay. She scolds him, "What about the other children who need money? Do you plan to put pearls in oysters for them, too? Not just here in O.K.-by-the-Sea. Everywhere. This isn't the only town in the world where people are poor, where fathers and mothers fight, where families break up."

Harry's answer is like the sound of the door closing when a good-kind-of mother comes home, "No, it isn't, but it's the only town where I live."

Every day I see people with oysters, so to speak, hopeful that there is a pearl inside, especially young folks. Do you remember that in your childhood and youth that becoming an adult would automatically make you omniscient and omnipotent? I do.

And do you also remember the young adult years when you were startled to be short on wisdom, and long on inability of one kind or another? I do.

And are you faced, now, day after day, sometimes even hour after hour, with a constant struggle to grow up, whether you're forty or seventy? I am. Some days I act my age; some days I act fourteen; occasionally I even act two.

While there are many things young folks need from us adults, there isn't much that they need to find in us more than they need to find examples of persons really trying for maturity. Not perfect maturity. They'll settle for fairly consistent maturity. Because if they see that we haven't overcome temper tantrums, sullen attitudes, selfishness, the drive to prove ourselves right even if we're wrong, and other unpleasant indications of immaturity, they can't hope to find the pearl of maturity in the oyster of adulthood.

In Corinthians I, read, When I became a man I put away childish things. But I realize that if I wrote that, it would have to go like this, "When I became a woman I put away childish things, but I keep getting them out again."

Maybe not quite as often, as the years go by. Yet, too often. Guess I'm still looking for the pearl myself.

Some people are like buzzards; they never go near a church unless somebody dies.

Our love for God must find its expression in love for our fellow-men.

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Trip To California Reveals Baptist Growth, Advance

Years ago, when I had just finished high school, with three men in an old touring car, I made a trip to California. We took our time, the highways were poor, and the trip to Los Angeles took approximately two weeks.

Last week, flying from Jackson, I made the trip in a little more than four hours. This seems to be marvelous speed, until one remembers that the astronauts, in their space vehicles, cover the same distance in a few minutes. The comparisons do reveal the progress man has made in travel in a few decades.

Throughout my life I have had a deep interest in California, and in California Baptist work. One reason for this, I am sure, is that during my childhood, after the death of my father, my mother, my sister and I, lived in California for almost a year. When I made the trip mentioned above, after graduating from high school, I spent a summer working there. Several visits have been made in the ensuing years.

This time I made the trip at the invitation of a Baptist association to speak at one of its monthly meetings, and also to preach for a few days in one of the Los Angeles area churches. Both experiences were unforgettable.

The church where I was preaching was First Baptist Church of Fountain Valley, a suburb of Los Angeles. This is just one of the many suburbs of the great megalopolis, for on a map I counted more than 200 cities and towns in the area. Fountain Valley is Southeast of Los Angeles proper, and south of Anaheim (Disneyland). I actually stayed in adjoining town, Costa Mesa.

Rev. Howard Davis is the aggressive pastor of the Fountain Valley Church. His wife is from Arkansas. The church has five acres of very valuable land in the heart of this great suburban residential area, with important industrial and commercial areas not too far away. The city, however, largely is a community of homes. There are good schools and churches. One of the most aggressive churches is the one where

I preached. It is only about seven years old but runs about 350 in Sunday school, and worship services are well attended. The church maintains a school for preschool and first graders and has a staff of 29 in that day school. The school opens wide doors of contact for the church. The church expects, within the next few months, to start erection of a new sanctuary seating 800, and a new gymnasium.

I was invited to come for a five day "Bible Conference," speaking on prophecy at night and on Sunday, and leading in other Bible studies in the day time. It turned out, however, to be a revival, for a number of persons were saved, and great spiritual blessings came. It was a joy to work with this pastor and with these people. The associational meeting, too, was well attended and I met many fine pastors and lay people.

California Baptist work began about 1850, and the Southern Baptist Convention manifested an interest in the state as early as 1852. J. Lewis Shuck was sent as a missionary of the Board of Domestic Missions (Home Mission Board) in 1854, and a number of missionaries were sent through the period until 1861. After the Civil War no further effort was made to establish Southern Baptist mission work in the area. Under the general understandings with other Baptist groups, work was left to the American Baptist Home Mission Society. This continued up until the second quarter of this century.

In 1936 a church was organized at Shafter, California, with every charter member being a former Southern Baptist. By 1939 other "Southern Baptist" churches had been formed, and a new association was formed made up entirely of Baptist churches with Southern Baptist connections. In 1940 a state convention was organized by messengers from 13 churches. It was called the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. In 1941 the convention sent a petition to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Bir-

ingham asking for recognition as a co-operating constituency. A special committee was appointed to study the matter and bring a report to the 1942 SBC meeting in San Antonio. Here the committee report recommended further study, but a minority report recommended recognition. After heated debate this minority report prevailed. I well remember the moment, when a messenger from Texas stood up and said something like this: "These are our kind of Baptists. I move that we receive them." That carried the day, and the convention became a part of Southern Baptist work. This was one of the beginnings of expansion which has brought Southern Baptist work into every state.

From those 13 churches in 1940, the California convention has grown to almost 900 churches with more than 267,000 members. Last year they baptized almost 15,000 persons. A seminary, Golden Gate, was established the San Francisco area in 1944, and became a Southern Baptist Convention institution in 1950. Last year it enrolled more than 300 students. A branch of the seminary now is located in Los Angeles. California Baptist College was established in 1947. Today it is located at Riverside, and has an enrollment of about 600. Southern Baptists are not the largest Baptist group in the state today, but have made remarkable progress since organization as a state group thirty-three years ago, and if they continue to grow as in the past, should be the largest Baptist group in the state in the next few years.

My brief visit to the Los Angeles area, afforded me the opportunity to feel something of the spirit of our Southern Baptist brethren in California, and to see what they are doing in the state which has become one of the most populous in the nation. It is an inspiration to see what God is doing with a and through Southern Baptists in this area, and how the work of our convention seems to be effective and blessed of God wherever it spreads.

for whom they are recommended. This is a veritable treasure book of games of all types.

NEW LIFE TO LIVE by Robert Boyd Munger (Regal, 58 pp., \$1.00) One of a new Reflection series. The author discusses the Christian life as to its position and its meaning. The chapters deal with a pauper or a prince, a house or a home, and a guest or an owner.

CARING ENOUGH TO CONFRONT by David Augsburg (Gospel Light Publications, paper, \$1.25, 172 pp.)

Discussing trust, anger, change, prejudice, blame, guilt, loyalty and conscience, the author describes a lifestyle for Christians who care enough to confront others when conflict arises.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MOVEMENT REPORTED ON VERGE OF 'REAL EXPANSION'

ST. PAUL, Minn. (RNS)—The Sunday School movement is "on the verge of real expansion" in the evangelical wing of American Protestantism, according to the new executive director of the National Sunday School Association (NSSA).

Donald C. Brandenburg, of Whittier, Calif., said that on recent visits to headquarters of 20 evangelical denominations he found "considerable growth" is taking place in Sunday schools.

He suggested their growth is due to the fact that they emphasize Bible teaching "and this seems to be what people want."

NEWEST BOOKS

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC by Robert B. Thomas (Yankee, Inc., Dublin, N. H., 176 pp., 60 cents, paper) This is the 182nd continuous edition of a priceless and fascinating little publication. It is filled with such interesting things as planting tables, recipes, regional weather forecasts, list of 1974 holidays, mathematical puzzles, familiar old sayings, forecast of best fishing days, etc.

BIBLE LEARNING ACTIVITIES by Barbara J. Bolton and Charles T. Smith (Gospel Light Publications, paper \$2.25, 154 pp.)

Bible learning projects and games for children, grades 1 to 6.

GOD LISTENS TO THE CRYING HEART IN THE SECRET PLACE by Samuel Chadwick (Good News, paper, 95c, 96 pp.)

The chapters of this book were written for Joyful News Mission which was born of the prayers of Thomas and Mary Champness as they prayed one morning between the hours of four and five. It is a witness concerning the power of prayer.

GAMES FOR ALL AGES & HOW TO USE THEM by Marjorie Wackerbarth and Lillian S. Graham (Baker, 256 pp., \$2.95) The book is just what it says, a listing of hundreds of games classified both as to the method they are to be played and the groups

Carey Student From Serampore College

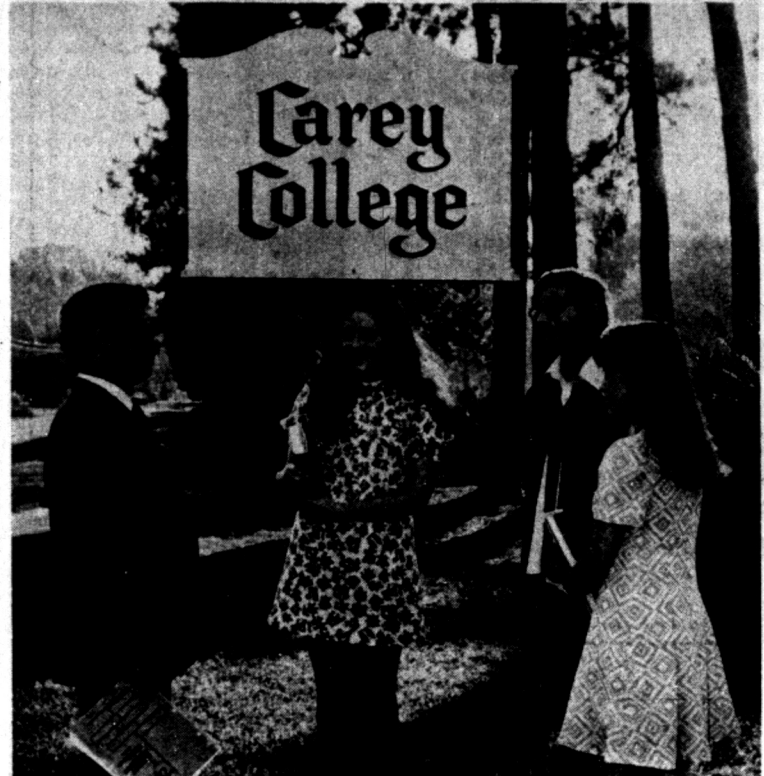
News Briefs

By Marjorie Rowden

William Carey College's highly acclaimed drama group, the SERAMPORE PLAYERS, has authenticated its name this fall in an unusual manner. The occasion is the presence on the Hattiesburg campus of an administrative intern from Serampore College in Serampore, India. It is from

the city and the college, founded by the British 18th century missionary, William Carey, that the SERAMPORE PLAYERS draws its name. And it is from the famous missionary to Serampore, Carey himself, that the Hattiesburg campus gets its name!

H. S. Banerjee, private secretary



William Carey College's international scope has been accentuated this year by the presence on the Hattiesburg campus of an administrative intern from Serampore College in Serampore, India. H. S. Banerjee, left, chats on the lawn with Kathy Smith, Miss Carey College, and with David Davis, an MK (missionary kid) from Africa and Rommance Hongsirirukul, an international student from Thailand. Mr. Banerjee's institution in India, Serampore College, was founded by the British missionary of the 18th century, William Carey, for whom the Hattiesburg college was named.

to the principal of Serampore College, is spending the academic year on the Carey campus studying and working with administrators. "He has held his position for the past sixteen years," commented President J. Ralph Noonkester, "and is in a knowledgeable position to benefit from his experience as an administrative intern in an American college." Under the direction of Vice-President for development, Dr. Hugh Dickens, the guest from Serampore is being assigned a variety of duties of all of the major administrative offices during the year.

Banerjee, an unmarried Hindu, was born in Rishra, two miles from Serampore and thirteen miles from Calcutta. His immediate family consists of his mother, two brothers and five sisters. He speaks both English and Bangali fluently and is fascinated by his first trip to the United States. "Only once before have I left India," Banerjee remarked, "and that was to spend seven months at the University of Stirling in Stirling, Scotland. It was a wonderful experience, but the weather was bad." During his stay in Britain he had opportunities of visiting in other universities.

Banerjee is enjoying the Hattiesburg climate and the autumn sunshine. Concerning the William Carey College campus he says, "Everyone has been very kind and cooperative, but I do not feel that it is possible for me to evaluate America in general by what I have experienced here in Hattiesburg."

As a Hindu, Banerjee expressed a positive faith in God, one who is omnipotent and omnipresent. He freely discusses his concept of re-incarnation which he understands as a progressive means of becoming acceptable for a permanent and peaceful eternity. "The great Ghandi was more a political leader than a religious leader," commented Banerjee. He has respect for the woman who is pre-

sently leading his country as prime minister and is interested in all of the talk about woman's liberation in this country.

Serampore College has approximately 3500 students in the School of Arts and Sciences, which is affiliated with the University of Calcutta. Only about 50 students are in the School of Theology — and this is the area where the Christian faith is predominant, which still holds to the founding teachings of William Carey, the British Baptist missionary. It functions as a university in Theology and twenty-six other colleges with theological studies are affiliated with it. Student fees and government grants provide the bulk of the financing of the arts and science program, while the theology school is supported by gifts received from churches and mission boards in India and abroad.

Founded in 1818, Serampore College was the first college in India to have power to confer degrees. The original charter is still preserved intact in the Carey Library — a priceless inheritance — which is housed within the main College Building. Today, Serampore College, is still the only recognized body in India with power to confer degrees in theology. The Carey library in Serampore College represents the collection of books first made by William Carey and his missionary associates. Today 101 languages and dialects are represented within its 8000 books.

In spite of the large Hindu population among the student body, daily chapel services are held where the fundamental truths of the Christian faith are expressed.

"We are pleased," commented Dr. Dickens, "that we are privileged to have a representative of Serampore College on our campus this year. He serves to remind us of the link which we at William Carey College have with another great institution of higher learning whose founder is extremely important to us both."

A record 148 messengers assembled recently for the 39th Portuguese Baptist Convention. The 26-member Baptist church at Tondela was host. In the smooth-running sessions, a missionary spirit prevailed with the presence of a dozen Baptist guests from Mozambique and Angola, and the Convention's missionary to Mozambique, Pastor Luis Rodrigues de Almeida, as inspirational speaker.—EBPS.

Three camps for children plus special weeks for young people, for women and for families, drew a total of 460 persons to assembly installations operated by the Portuguese Baptist Convention near Agua de Madeiros.—EBPS.

Sweden's Orebro Baptist Mission recently made some projections on its need for pastors in coming years. Presently the Mission counts some 152 pastors working full-time. Some of the 182 churches in which they work share a pastor's ministry with a second church.—EBPS.

The Waldensian church synod of Italy, in its recent session at Torre Pellice, reaffirmed a position stated last year which asks that the legislation of 1929-30 regarding non-Roman Catholic churches be abolished. Much time was given to plans for the Eighth Centenary of the Waldensian movement, to be observed next year with the participation of other Protestant groups.—EBPS.

Baptists' first music festival, held in San Jose on Costa Rica's Independence Day September 15, indicated that Christian music with a contemporary Latin rhythm is popular. Young people from the Desamparado Baptist Church distributed printed invitations to students celebrating the holiday with parades and festivities in the streets.—EBPS.

The Consistory, the Executive Council and the Moderator of the Pastors' Conference of the Swiss Protestant Church (Geneva) have signed a declaration on "The Baptism of Today". The document, which was read from the Church's pulpits on Sunday, September 16, makes, among others, made Church's pulpits on Sunday, September 16, makes, among others, several points.—EBPS.

The Aijoun Baptist Girls School (ABGS) in Aijoun began the 1973-74 school year with a record enrollment of 258 students. School officials attribute the enrollment rise partly to curriculum expansion. Another event which influenced the enrollment occurred when the previously coeducational school became an all-girls school.

Inaugural services held in October marked the opening of a Baptist Mission in the Spanish city of Pamplona. Some fifty members of the sponsoring Zaragoza Baptist Church travelled by bus the 178 kilometers to Pamplona to take part in the event, with Pastor Felix Fontanet presiding.—(EBPS)

The Spanish Baptist Seminary has re-opened the third and terminating year of studies for the present 10-member student body. Again this year the seminary is under the interim directorship of Dr. S. H. Cockburn. Opening ceremonies were recently held in Madrid's Barrio del Pilar Baptist Mission. Speaker was Pastor Jose Gangonells of the Manresa Baptist Church. Gangonells is also a trustee of the seminary. — (EBPS)

Since the elections of last year the lower house of Japan's Parliament counts twelve Christians among its total membership of 491 legislators. This figure reflects a Christian membership percentage of 2.4 in the lawmaking body, as compared with the national Christian population of approximately one per cent. (1.069 million Christians in a total census of 105 million.)—(EBPS)

Southern Baptist Is Inducted Into Gospel Music Hall Of Fame

By James Lee Young

NASHVILLE (BP)—The orchestra swung into a soft rendition of the late E. M. Bartlett's "Victory in Jesus" as the former Southern Baptist gospel music giant was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

Gene Bartlett (Eugene Monroe Jr.), church music secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and a well known composer, was present as the Gospel Music Association eulogized his late father for contributions made as gospel music composer, publisher, educator and promoter during the early 1900's.

The event was the 1973 Dove Awards here, sponsored by the Gospel Music Association and attended by more than 1,200 persons in the Grand Ole Opry House.

"My reaction to my father's selection for the Gospel Music Hall of Fame (GMHF) was that of a son's admiration," Bartlett said. Another son, Charles Scott Bartlett, also a Baptist, lives in the Wichita Falls, Tex., area.

One of 10 other Hall of Fame inductees included the late Homer Rodeheaver, former singer for the late evangelist Billy Sunday. Rodeheaver taught in the elder Bartlett's popular singing schools.

"Albert E. Brunley (a 1972 GMHF inductee) was one of my father's outstanding students," said Bartlett in an interview with Baptist Press. Brunley composed such gospel songs as "I'll Fly Away," "I'll Meet You in the Morning" and "Jesus, Hold My Hand."

"A typical country boy," according to his son, the elder Bartlett became a nationally known song writer and publisher in the country music field. His best known of 400-500 songs is "Victory in Jesus."

"My father was quite a humorist," Bartlett said. A tongue-in-cheek song by the late composer, "Take an Old Cold Tater and Wait," satirized preachers coming to dinner and "Mom" telling the children to "Take an old, cold tater and wait for the second table," Bartlett said. "Too often, just the neck and little else was left of the chicken," he recalled.

The sage of the "cold tater" was recorded by country-western artist Little Jimmy Dickens, Bartlett said. Former Louisiana Governor James H. (Jimmy) Davis, a singer and composer, also sang the song "quite a lot," Bartlett added.

Another of the Southern Baptist composer's gospel songs, "Just A Little While," was sung by Mahalia Jackson, famed gospel artist. Jazz musician Pete Fountain also recorded the song, said Bartlett.

The elder Bartlett was owner-publisher of the Hartford Music Company in Hartford, Ark., and an "old-time singing teacher." His company published gospel music exclusively.

"For awhile, my father was an evangelistic singer for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in the days when the board sent out evangelist teams. He felt more compelled to write music for the masses and to teach them how to sing gospel music," Bartlett said.

Bartlett accompanied his father to the "widely popular" singing schools, often driving the car as they made their rounds. The schools ran day and night for three weeks at a time. Payment was usually \$25 per week and the "proceeds of a pie supper" for conducting a school, Bartlett recalled. His father's first singing school was held around 1907 in Liberty Hill, Okla.

"There wasn't much else to do during the depression years of the '30's," Bartlett noted. Consequently, "the gospel music business actually flourished," he said. "I was a typical boy and never would practice," even though "I grew up attending the schools."

Still, Bartlett acquired a solid grounding in music theory in his father's schools, he said. "In those days they taught music by shaped notes, one of the quickest ways to learn to read music." Major church music publishers don't print shaped notes now, except gospel music firms, Bartlett added.

"Homer Rodeheaver was one of the better singing school teachers and had a big influence on my life," said Bartlett. "He made me want to do something big in music." Bartlett later "surrendered my life to Christ," at age 21, then dedicated himself to a career in church music.

"I came in late one night and heard someone praying in a bedroom. It was my mother. She prayed, 'Lord, if you don't save Gene, I'll die,' Bartlett said. "I was converted shortly after that." He later wrote the song, "I Heard My Mother Call My Name in

Prayer."

Bartlett's mother was the former Joan Tatum of Greenwood, Ark. Her father was a Baptist minister and lawyer. She studied piano and voice at Moody Institute in Martin, Tenn., the same college her husband attended. She later taught music privately.

"My father was highly educated in his day and earned bachelor's degrees in arts, science, music and oratory. He studied foreign languages, was good in mathematics, was a great musician and orator."

An "old-fashioned" speaker, he could "make people laugh one minute and cry the next. His orations were very emotional."

Bartlett said his father left the gospel field for a time to open a meat packing firm in Harrison, Ark., "but he couldn't stay away from music" and finally went back to Hartford to song writing, publishing and promoting gospel music groups.

Bartlett's father died at age 52 in Jan., 1941 in Siloam Springs, Ark., where he is buried. His widow died

in Sept., 1972 in Ft. Smith, Ark., at age 77 and is buried in Siloam Springs.

"The last thing I heard my mother say was on her death bed as she briefly came out of a coma and sang the first stanza of 'Victory in Jesus,'" Bartlett said.

He stood by his mother's bed as she began the second stanza. "Her voice faded as she lapsed back into the coma and never regained consciousness."

You won't find the recipe for "eggs Benedict" in a dictionary, but the definition in the New Collegiate comes close. "Poached eggs and broiled ham placed on toasted halves of English muffin and covered with hollandaise sauce." You can even find the ingredients of hollandaise sauce (butter, egg yolks and lemon juice or vinegar).

Abbreviations have become a way of life for many of us. TLC for "tender loving care"; TGIF for "thank God it's Friday"; and many others. Some of these have turned into nouns in their own right: LSD, WASP, TKO, DNA, TNT. All these and hundreds more are listed in the A to Z body of the New Collegiate Dictionary. REM for "rapid eye movement" is one of the newer additions.

It is extremely hard to believe that a man is telling the truth when you know that you would lie if you were in his place.

Merry Christmas From The Baptists Via Radio, TV

Southern Baptists are wishing the country a "Merry Christmas" in a special way — via 30- and 60-second spot announcements for public service broadcast on radio.

The announcements, produced and distributed by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, include several excerpts of the Christmas story from "The Living Bible, Paraphrased."

One spot declares, "Christmas is the birthday of our Lord. Make Christ the first consideration in your Christmas this year."

Still another suggests, "Put Christ in your Christmas. Put Christ in your life, too, and really have a happy holiday."

This unusual Christmas message from Baptists is being released to all commercial radio stations in the United States.

John Borders, a professional Fort Worth broadcaster, is heard reading the story of Mary and Joseph on the way to Bethlehem, the angel's appearance to the shepherds, the prophecy concerning Jesus' birth, and the visit of the wise men.

The special Merry Christmas wishes are signed simply, "from your Southern Baptist friends."

Lifelong Learning Extension's Theme

NASHVILLE — The Seminary Extension Department of Southern Baptists' six seminaries has announced an increased emphasis upon encouraging ministers to engage in lifelong learning.

"Every minister needs to engage in purposeful, planned learning as long as he is in active service," according to Raymond M. Rigdon, department director.

Describing the department's extension center program, he explained, "A primary value of these centers is that they provide pastors with purposeful, planned learning experiences

with their fellow ministers."

He cited low cost and time saving factors as major pluses for these learning opportunities. "Travel time for additional training is minimal, and the minister doesn't have to learn his church field," he noted.

He went on to point out that "the department is committed to the belief that learning produces changes in how persons think, feel, and act."

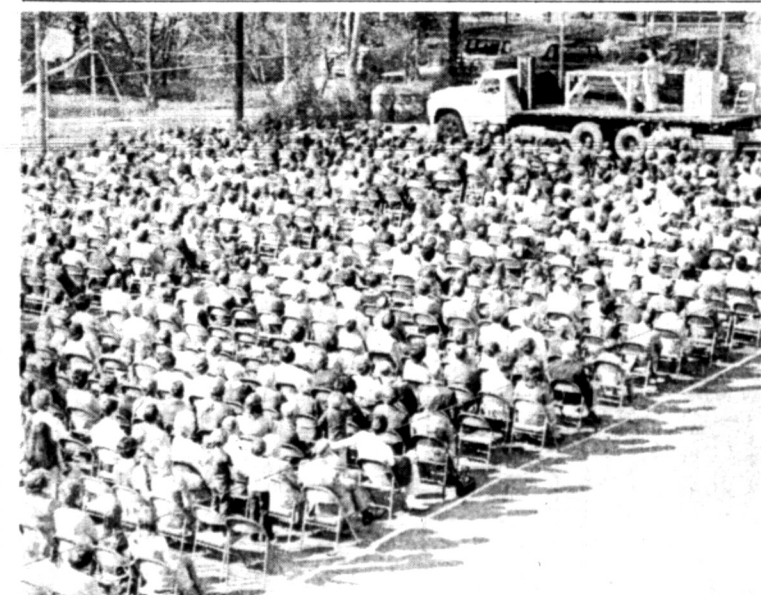
"An extension center is not concerned with book knowledge alone," declared Rigdon. "Since the extension center involves local people as teachers and students, major consideration

can be given to how people feel and what they actually do as a result of learning."

He also suggested that "effective continuing education helps persons discover how to learn and to commit themselves to lifelong learning."

"As a person develops his self-concept and increasing skills in ministry, he will have a clearer focus of his own identity and role," said Rigdon. "Finding out how to learn enables a person to assess his own learning needs and discover the resources available to him in his community. A person's commitment to life-long learning is an outgrowth of his sense of identity as a minister and his desire to develop his God-given gifts for ministry," he concluded.

The Seminary Extension Department recently published the first issue of a new publication, primarily for persons studying in Seminary Extension centers and with the Seminary Extension Home Study Institute, called *The Lifelong Learner*. It will be issued four times annually. Anyone desiring a sample copy may write: Seminary Extension Department, Southern Baptist Convention Building, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.



First, West Point Buses Help Raise SS To Over 1000

1,050 were in Sunday School at First Church, West Point, on October 21, a new record. The previous high had been 742 last April 22. The third week of October last year, 489 came, and two years ago in October, the high was 385.

Part of the record 316 who rode buses to First Church, West Point, on October 21 are shown (they could not all squeeze into the picture!) The bus ministry of the church, which includes six routes has shown continuous growth since its beginning in February, 1972. Further expansion of this ministry is planned. Noel Wright III is the bus director; Rev. Joe Haire is the pastor.



LOOTINGS OF CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY SPUR NATION-WIDE ALERT IN BRITAIN

LONDON (RNS)—An urgent theft alert warning has gone to all England's cathedrals and many rural churches following serious losses of silver and paintings at two centuries-old edifices.

The warning came from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office Ltd. of London which insures more than \$50 million worth of church property. It alerted cathedral officials and country clergy that a gang of thieves known to specialize in religious treasures is on the rampage.

Issue of the letter followed thefts at Salisbury Cathedral in southwest England and at St. Albans Abbey, north of London. At Salisbury, paintings and silver worth more than \$15,000 were stolen and at the abbey thieves took paintings and silver worth more than \$12,500.

The Anglican Dean of Salisbury, the Very Rev. William Fenton Morley, said the cathedral was wired with an alarm system but the high altar was not.

Names In The News

Frank L. Durham, senior vice president, director of investments, will represent the SBC Annuity Board at the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson, November 13-15. He will present the Board's ministry in providing retirement and insurance plans to ministers, church staff members, and employees of denominational agencies. He will be available also, as schedule permits, to discuss various matters of Annuity Board business. Or he will explain retirement and insurance plans available to suit the individual's needs and finances, as requested. Also available for personal contacts will be **W. R. Roberts**, Annuity Board representative for Mississippi.

T. J. Laughter was honored by the Mount Zion Church near Hernando, on his 79th birthday October 3. One of Mt. Zion's oldest members and deacons, he has not missed a Sunday at church in four years.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Smith, missionaries to Indonesia, can be addressed at JI. Dr. Sutomo 22, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Both Smith and his wife, the former Nell Brock, are natives of Brookhaven.



George Simeon Satcher of Heidelberg, right, is pictured receiving his license into the ministry on October 7, from the pastor, **Rev. J. W. Tynes**, Heidelberg Church. George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Satcher, Heidelberg, a graduate of Heidelberg Academy, and presently a sophomore at Clarke College.

Baynard L. Fox presented a farewell concert at Rehobeth Church, Tucker, Ga., on September 21, his 41st birthday. Minister of music at Rehobeth for 8 years, he is entering a full-time ministry of personal concert engagements, intensified composing, and Christian concert production. Although his retirement from the local church is due to an impairment of vision, he is also pursuing his long-time goal for an Atlanta Christian Chorus. As a composer, his best known song is "I'll Tell the World That I'm A Christian." He is the son of Baynard F. Fox, vice-president of the SBC Annuity Board in Dallas. For engagements, he may be contacted at 3458 Johns Road, Tucker, Georgia 30034.



Troy Eugene Cobb (left) and **Paul Crocker** (right) were licensed to the gospel ministry recently by Union Church, Pearl River County, bringing the total to four to surrender in the 22 months **Rev. James Shumate** has been pastor.

Mr. Crocker is enrolled in night classes at New Orleans Seminary. He is available for supply and can be contacted at Rt. 3, Box 198, Picayune, Miss. 39466 or Telephone 798-1518. **Troy** is a seventh grader at Pearl River Central School.

Liston Mills, Oberlin Alumni professor of pastoral theology and counseling, Vanderbilt University's Divinity School, will be the featured speaker for the Pastoral Care Seminar held Nov. 12-16, in the Church Program Training Center at the Sunday School Board, Nashville. Sponsored by the board's church administration department, the seminar is designed to assist pastors and other staff members in improving their skills in pastoral care.



CLASS OF '44—These three members of the Mississippi College Class of 1944 were among hundreds of alumni who returned to the campus for reunion receptions during Homecoming activities. From the left are **Dr. Earl Kelly**, Jackson, executive-secretary elect of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; **Rev. Eugene Roberts**, Brookhaven; and **Thomas Talkington**, Jackson. (M.C. Photo by Bill Strange)

Joe Wood of Pearl, pictured has been employed by Bethel



Church, Whitfield Rd. Brandon, as music and youth director, according to an announcement by the pastor, **Rev. Elton Moore**. Mr. Wood is an employee of the Deposit Guaranty Bank of Jackson and is also a part-time student at Mississippi College.

Ricky Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Williams, has



been licensed to preach by his home church, Carriage Hills Church, Southaven. A graduate of Southaven High School, he is now attending Mississippi College. **Rev. J. B. Miller** is Carriage Hills pastor.

Wong Called To Work With Chinese Missions

Rev. Raphael Wong has accepted the position as missions pastor, serving Chinese missions in Mississippi.



His work will be jointly supported by the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and the Home Mission Board, SBC.

He will serve missions in Greenwood, Greenville, Vicksburg, and perhaps Hollandale. Third Sundays he will preach in Greenwood; fourth and second Sundays in Greenville; first Sundays in Vicksburg. He hopes to work in Hollandale on fifth Sundays.

Mr. Wong is from Hong Kong, where he graduated from the Bethel Bible Seminary, with a Bachelor of Theology degree in 1971.

He grew up in a Christian family and was baptized by **Rev. John Chen** in Swatow Baptist Church, Hong Kong, in 1960.

He had come from Swatow, China, to Hong Kong in 1957, and it is his hope that some day when the door opens to China that he may be able to return and witness there.

Before entering the seminary he worked as a secretary in a Christian school, as library clerk in Hong Kong University, and as a bank clerk. He is not married.



Scenes from the groundbreaking of Immanuel Church, Olive Branch, are pictured above. In the top photo, left to right, are **Bruce Sinquefeld**, chairman of Building Committee; **Dr. Joe Odle**, Baptist Record editor, guest speaker; and **Rev. Vance Marberry**, pastor.

Immanuel Breaks Ground On First Anniversary

Immanuel Church, Desoto County observed its first anniversary and broke ground on the same day. The church was begun in October 1972. At the date of beginning there were 114 members. During the first year the membership roll grew to 213. Sunday School enrollment at the same time reached 228. A new record was set by way of attendance when 206 people came for the Sunday School hour.

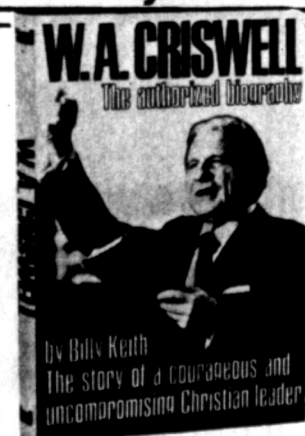
Within the first year the church purchased five acres of land. In spite of the fact that they have met in rented property they have also bought furniture in an adequate way for the present membership. The minister of music was called at a very early date and the church has functioned with a full program almost from its date of inception. The group of Christians was duly constituted into a church January 28 when **Dr. Douglas Hudgins**, executive secretary, MBCB, was present for the constitution message.

Dr. Joe Odle, Baptist Record editor, brought the message for the ground breaking service. At that time it was made public that the contract for the first building was awarded to **M. B. J. Construction Co. of Sardis**, in the amount of \$106,944.00. Following the ground breaking ceremony at the close of the morning worship hour the group enjoyed dinner on the ground. It was great victory through-

out the day as an all-time high was set by way of attendance and also a record offering was received for the glory of God.

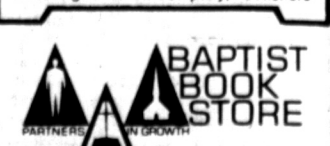
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Jerry Clower Joins Grand Ole Opry Cast

NASHVILLE (BP)—The man who successfully nominated **Owen Cooper** for president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1971 has become the 64th performing member of the Grand Ole Opry cast.

Country comedian **Jerry Clower**, who attends the same Southern Baptist church **Cooper** attends in Yazoo City, Miss., was installed between shows during a Saturday night WSM Opry broadcast here.

Decked out in a bright yellow suit and surrounded by some of country music's stars, the 46-year-old humorist reached what he called the high point of his varied career.

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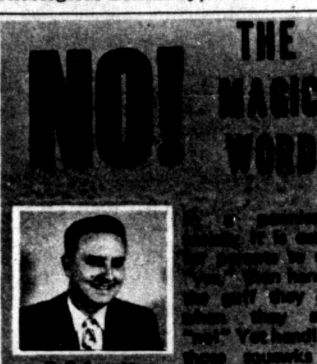
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BSSB Announces Youth Consultant

NASHVILLE (BP)—**Bob R. Taylor**, a 10-year employee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been named consultant of youth ministry coordination in the board's church administration department.

Taylor will assist local church youth ministry coordinators in relating themselves to the total educational ministry of the church and will help them properly coordinate the youth ministry of all church programs, according to **Howard B. Foshee**, church administration department secretary.

He was graduated from Baylor University, Waco, and received the master and doctor of religious education degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.



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Mr. Ellis goes from Sherman Church in Lee County where he has been pastor for over eight years. He was moderator of Lee Association also. While he was at Sherman the church was remodeled, including new pews, carpet and a new addition to the pastorial.

Mr. Ellis has also pastored churches in Grenada, Holmes, Carroll, Chickasaw, and Calhoun Counties. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ellis of West and is married to the former Kay Davis of Bruce. The Ellises have 3 children: Fran 12, Harvey 10, and Selwyn 8.

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The Christian life must be lived in the world. But the question arises, How is the Christian to be related to the society of which he is a part? This question is not easy to answer. The truth of this lesson gives Christians guidance in terms of general principles. These principles impress the truth that they should be positive influence in society for righteousness and reconciliation. Beyond this they must seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit as to how to relate the truth in the Scriptures to individual situations and to the fulfillment of the duty of Christians in society. Paul's instructions to the Christians in Rome are highly relevant for us.

The Lesson Explained LOVE TOWARD ENEMIES (12:14-21)

Paul had emphasized love among Christians. Then he added that the same principle of love is to mark the relationships of Christians with unbelievers, even persecutors and enemies. We are to bless and not curse those who mistreat us, avoiding misunderstanding and malice, offering forgiveness for wrongs and insults. We are to share the joys and sorrows of other persons, thus showing something of the spirit of Christ. We must strive to live in harmony with other persons, guarding against selfish ambition and false pride. We should never pay back evil for evil. This only adds fuel to the fire of bad feeling. To the utmost limit possible we should strive to be at peace with other persons. We should never be vindictive, never seek revenge. We should strive to overcome evil with good. Showing kindness to an enemy will often turn an enemy into a friend. Love can conquer hate. The counsel and precepts given by Paul will still work in the modern world.

THE CHRISTIAN AS A CITIZEN (13:1)

We must consider the entire paragraph, verses 1-7. Paul declared that "the powers that be are ordained of God." This does not mean that God approves a corrupt government, ungodly officials, or unjust legisla-

tion. It means that civil authority is instituted by God and is meant to serve good ends. For this reason it is right for the Christian to respect civil authority and be subject to it. Public officials or leaders in government are not meant to be a terror to good works but to evil works. Government is meant to curb lawlessness, immorality, and the wickedness which is destructive to the welfare of the people generally. And it is also right and proper for the Christian to fulfill his duties as a citizen, particularly in the matter of paying taxes. While public officials may not be personally honorable, they are representative of the purpose and function of established government, which rightly claims the support of all citizens. Christians should take their citizenship seriously. In a democratic society, they can work for morality in government, for justice and freedom for all people, irrespective of race or class, and for principles which guarantee honesty and efficiency in government. Dissent and protest may become a Christian witness, but these should not be marked by violence or the infringement of the rights of other persons. If at any time disobedience is required by loyalty to a Christian conscience, there should be willingness to suffer with courage for righteousness' sake.

MORAL LIVING AT ITS BEST

The remaining part of chapter 13 prescribes two crucially important aspects of Christian duty in society. The first is the practice of love. If one loves according to the true standard, he could never commit adultery, or steal, or kill, or bear false witness, or covet. In practicing love, a Christian never hurts another person; he always helps the person loved. The second

aspect of Christian duty in society is to become an active agent for righteousness in the world. The Christian ought to wake up to the serious problems in the human situation and become involved in every constructive way possible in a spiritual warfare against evil. It behooves Christians to put on the armor of light, which means becoming a courageous

servant of truth and justice, of reverence and holiness, of ministry and reconciliation. Spiritual warfare calls for stern resistance to evil within one's own life; it calls also for daring assaults to overthrow the forces of wickedness which spread moral corruption in a community and which imperil the moral structure of a nation's life.

Membership 90% Transient

Emmanuel, Biloxi Receives 3000th Member, Votes Two Percent To 'Rebuild Gulfshore'

On Sunday, October 28, Emmanuel Church, Biloxi received its 3000th member since becoming a church nearly 20 years ago. Shown above with pastor Robert Self is Lee Shadd. Mr. Shadd and his family served at Emmanuel previously during 1963-64. The Air Force has since sent him over much of the world before letting him return home to Emmanuel.

The Emmanuel Church is composed of about 90 percent military personnel. "The church experiences a very high rate of turnover as men are sent to other assignments," says the pastor. "This turnover is viewed as an opportunity to train and prepare people to go to other parts of the world and to be effective in sharing Christ. Some of the people go to places that have no missionaries while many go to places where the missionary force is less than the number needed. A typical Sunday may find people

from several countries worshipping in the services. Buddhists have been among those baptized in recent months."

A highlight of the church occurred recently in relation to "Rebuild Gulfshore." With a membership that is 90 percent transient due to the policy of the Air Force to reassign its personnel and with probably no more than 10 percent native Mississippians in the membership, the budget committee voted unanimously to recommend that the church support the project with 2 percent of all undesignated gifts. In view of the fact that almost none of the present members will be able ever to use the facility or see the results of its use, the decision is magnanimous. During the past two years, more than 300 people have joined the church.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — The Guyana Baptist Theological Training Program has a record enrollment of 50 pastors and laymen participating in a new self-study program. The men prepare assignments at home using a syllabus and textbook and meet weekly in one-hour seminars for each of the three courses in pastoral training being offered.

Not all educated people are intelligent.

Supervising evil does not make it good.

vocation. You can do anything that you want to do.

The reason for lack of witnesses is the lack of power by the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. Jesus urged the people to be filled with the Holy Spirit's power as a part of the call to witness. We need to witness in the power of the Holy Spirit and not in the power of our own knowledge or skills.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Responding To Jesus' Call

Matt. 4:17-25; Luke 14:15-23;
Acts 1:4-8
By Bill Duncan

A certain football player was asked why he chose a certain southeastern university rather than the one he had previously discussed. The young person responded, "The coach called and I went on over." Everyone knew the influence of the coach and his ability, but many had underestimated his ability "to call."

At the very heart of the Bible is the drama of the mighty act of God summoning and sending people as instruments of his divine purpose in the world. This action is designated by the symbol of calling or vocation. So central is the concept of calling in the Bible that it becomes the integrating symbol of the Christian life. "It symbolizes the experience of being drawn into a redemptive relation with God in Christ and commissioned to service in the kingdom of God."

The basic call is the call to Christ. Jesus said, "Come unto me." Salvation is a possibility up for man only because of God's calling and election. God does not elect; he does call, but his calling is not coercive. Man is yet free in his answer to God.

The call is always to redemption, a holy life, and to the work of reconciliation under the Lordship of Christ. Every person who responds to God's call is a minister, a member of the priesthood of all believers with priestly functions. In the work of reconciliation each believer is a "bridge builder" between God and man. The horizontal dimension of the priesthood involves being a minister to other men, offering prayer for them and counseling with them. Witness to the gospel is a priestly function that all the "call" must share.

JESUS CALLS THE FISHERMAN Matt 4:17-25

Jesus called these fishermen to follow Him. It is not to be thought that this was the first time that He had seen them. As John tells the story, they had already talked with him. Some may have been disciples of John the Baptist. But at this moment Jesus called and challenged

them once and for all to throw their lot with Him.

But when people are willing to leave "their nets and ties" to this world they can do anything. Jesus did not expect anything of them he was not willing to do himself. On the cross Jesus demonstrated this same principle. He offered himself.

Jesus calls us in the same way. He calls for trust, love and obedience and if necessary our lives. Many have responded and gained life. Others have thought it was too much and lost everything.

JESUS CALLED THE MASSES Luke 14:21 - 23

As Jesus was eating at a dinner in a Pharisee's home, he spoke about judgment and the resurrection. When it is interesting to note what kind of men that Jesus called to be disciples. They were not men of great scholarship or influence or social background in wealth. They were poor, simple people. They were just ordinary men with one difference. They gave themselves to Jesus. He can do anything with people like that.

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Remember these were fishermen. They were to be as dedicated to fishing for men as they were to fishing for fish. This will require patience, perservance, courage, and ability.

one of the guests heard him mention the resurrection, he remarked that it would be wonderful to eat in the Kingdom of God. He was looking forward to heaven. Jesus responded that he would be surprised at how many turn down the invitation of God.

Jesus described the Kingdom of God as a banquet. In those days a man planning a banquet might invite friends in advance and then at the proper time send a servant after them. When the dinner was ready, the invited guest made excuses and refused to attend. (1) One had brought some land and needed to see it; thus he was overly occupied with property and goods and lost sight of the "promised land." (2) Another had bought some oxen and wanted to try them out. The thrill of adventure—sports—had distracted him from the crown of life. (3) The third one's excuse was that he was a newly-wed. One should never let his loved ones separate him from God.

Mrs. Viola Harris Dies At Pontotoc

Mrs. Viola A. Harris, lifetime member of Toxish Church, Pontotoc County, and widow of the late J. Seale Harris, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George W. Owens, 210 Brooks, Pontotoc, on September 27, 1973, at the age of 85.

Mrs. Harris had been active in all phases of the church where she had served as president of the Women's Missionary Union and later as secretary. In the mid-1920's she pioneered in the organization of the local B.Y.P.U. and remained a leader until health caused her to relinquish that responsibility. Her main influence, however, was through the Sunday School where she remained a teacher in the Intermediate Department for approximately 45 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris took great pride in the perpetuation of Toxish Church which was organized in 1837 and it was said of them that "if the doors of the church were open they were in attendance." Even after she was unable to walk she attended services in a wheel chair for several years.

The growth and development of all Christian living were their chief interests. They had great pride in the new building which was constructed and dedicated in 1966, for this would increase the facility to serve people and the Lord more effectively.

In addition to Mrs. Owens, she is survived by another daughter, Corinna F. Russell, Corinth, and a grandson, James Harris Forsyth, San Francisco.



Hardy Homecoming

Hardy Church, Grenada County, is making final plans for homecoming on November 18. All former members are especially invited. Guest speakers will be former pastors, Rev. Bobby Shands and Rev. O. B. Beverly.

Morning services will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship service following at 11. Lunch will be served at the church. Afternoon services begin immediately following lunch at 1:45 p.m.

The church, founded in November, 1840, is 133 years old. Present pastor is Rev. Charles Jones. Linda Carley is minister of music.



Rev. Robert Self, Emmanuel pastor, with Lee Shadd, 3000th member

Board Sets \$1 Million Cooperative Goal

LUTHERVILLE, Md. (BP) — The state mission board of the Baptist Convention of Maryland has approved the first \$1 million dollar Cooperative Program unified budget goal in its 136-year history.

The board gave initial approval to a gross 1974 budget of \$1.37 million, with \$1,005,764 anticipated Cooperative Program gifts from Southern Baptist churches in Maryland. Final approval must come at the Maryland convention's annual meeting, Nov. 12-14, in Baltimore.

Maryland Baptists have earmarked 60 per cent of the Cooperative Program receipts for use in the state and 40 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention causes. Any receipts above the goal will also be divided 60-40.

Correction On Mrs. Morgan's Column

The October 25 issue of the Baptist Record carried one of Mrs. W. O. Morgan's articles under the title, "Had You Thought About This?" Accidentally, the article did not appear in proper paragraph order. The last three paragraphs should have been the first three paragraphs!

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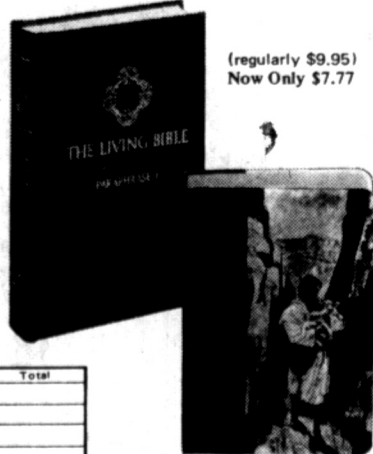
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Devotional

Staff And Distaff

1 Peter 3:1-7

By M. W. Hubbell, Pastor, First, Cleveland

Upon reading Peter's general comments to husbands and wives, my methodical mind reached for the word "distaff" for the wife or female. After all, this is an acceptable word for the female in the husband-wife relationship. The word came from Middle and Old English which meant loosely "a staff of flax." Apparently the word referred to the work of the female, and eventually to the female herself.

A comparable word for the male was more difficult to find. In fact, I could not find one. What alternative was left? I decided to coin a new word for the husband, "staff."

In 1 Peter 3 the apostle addresses the "distaff" and the "staff." In addressing the former he has in mind their being instrumental in winning to Christ the latter. With this objective in mind, he counsels submission, a kind which is to be interpreted in terms of reverence and chastity. In lieu of adorning the external part, the "distaff" is to concentrate on the internal. There is to be a gentle and quiet spirit within.

The "staff" also has his obligations to the "distaff." He is to live considerably with her, bestowing honor on her as the weaker vessel. This does not imply that she is inferior; but it simply suggests that she is child-bearing and that at times she is incapacitated. As a recognition of her full equality, Peter refers to the "staff" and "distaff" in terms of their being "joint heirs of the grace of life."

Although both Peter and Paul were steeped in Old Testament traditions which accented the superiority of the male, they set forth principles which neither degraded nor disparaged either the "staff" or the "distaff." Whereas Paul speaks in terms of obedience and love, Peter speaks in terms of submission and consideration.

As long as there is the proper balance between the above mentioned, there will not be a superior-inferior or up-down relationship. Instead there will truly be the one flesh reality with "staff" and "distaff."

Calvary, Greenwood, Plans Two-Day Celebration Of 50th Anniversary

Calvary Church, Greenwood, will celebrate their 50th anniversary November 17 and 18. Activities will begin Saturday night, November 17, with a covered dish dinner at 6 p.m. and continue through the Sunday evening worship hour, November 18.

At 7:30 on Saturday evening, after the fellowship supper, "a time of reminiscing by lamplight" will begin.

Music will be "the old ones." Dress will be old-fashioned. Skits, devotions, and a coffee time led by the deacons will round out the night's events.

At Sunday school, on November 18, classes will be led where possible by former teachers. Dr. R. A. Tullios of Magee, former pastor, will preach the 11 a.m. sermon.

Dinner will be served on the grounds at noon. The afternoon program will feature special music by

the youth; a denominational speaker recognitions by the chairman of deacons; and a reading of the church history.

Rev. Rayford Duck, present pastor, will preach the evening message at 7:30.

Jim Stowe, minister of music and youth, says, "If possible we will try to dress as they did fifty years ago. Friends and former members are invited."

Southaven Homecoming

First Church, Southaven will have homecoming day on November 11, with Sunday school at 9:45, morning worship at 11, and dinner on the grounds. Starting at 2 p.m. there will be "some of the best gospel singing ever heard." Members, former members, and other visitors are invited. Rev. Don Cooper is the pastor.



Ministers' Wives Go Trick-Or-Treatin'

Tuesday night, October 30, members of Ministers' Wives Association in Clinton had their annual trick-or-treating for needy families of Clinton. Seven who took part, and the canned goods they gathered from people of Clinton, are pictured. Left to right are Mary Fulton, Linda Jackson, Betty Foreman, Scotti Foreman, Vicki Taylor, Judy Taylor, Phyllis Morgan, and Timmy Morgan.

Lowrey Memorial Honors Mrs. Donnell, Retiring Clerk

On October 28, Lowrey Memorial Church honored Mrs. Lottie Palmer Donnell, pictured, retiring church clerk. Miss Rachel May, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. W. L. May, pinned an orchid on Mrs. Donnell. The pastor, Rev. M. Douglas Clark, read a citation of appreciation for Mrs. Donnell's long and faithful service.

Mrs. Lottie Palmer Donnell has been a member of Lowrey Memorial Church for 67 years. (Twice she and her husband, Alonzo, moved away, for a total of five years.)

Miss Lottie — as most call her — first did the writing of letters for the corresponding clerk of the church when her father, C. F. Palmer, was clerk. Later she still did most of the letter writing when her husband was clerk. Then for many years she held the office herself.

Membership records were kept in the early church history in large ledgers; but some years back Mrs. Donnell initiated a card file system, with a card for every member's name, the date and manner of admission; and the date, manner, and reason for each withdrawal.

Miss Rachel May, the new corresponding clerk, is being coached by Miss Lottie in using the card system.

D. C. Parochial Program Blocked

Washington, D. C. — (SUS)—Officials of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) and the District of Columbia school administration have agreed not to implement a program granting funds to the schools of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, D. C. The program, which was challenged by Americans United for Separation of Church and State on constitutional and procedural grounds in a suit filed August 24, 1973, was to be funded under the 1972 Emergency School Aid Act.

After learning of the official action, Americans United withdrew its suit without prejudice to its right to refile if a similar funding program is approved at a later time.

Labourers Deemed Worthy Of Hire

The Scottish Baptist Union Council has approved recommendations which would bring increased minimum stipends to ministers.

The minimum would be raised by 50 pounds on 1 June, 1974 to a yearly 1,350 pounds and by a further 50 pounds to 1,400 pounds on 1 December, 1974. Higher service increments and children's allowances also were included in the recommendation, which will go to the annual Assembly later this month for action.—EBPS.



\$500 Gift In Memory Of Suzanne Nobles

Dr. Lewis Nobles (center), president of Mississippi College, receives a sizeable check from Kissimmee Social Tribe President Marianna Kennedy (second from right) as that group's participation in the \$3 million COMMITMENT Campaign. The Tribe pledged \$500 as a contribution to the library in memory of Suzanne Nobles. Other Kissimmee members look on. From the left are Joanie Gentry, Clinton; Lawanna Mims, Grenada; Dr. Nobles; Miss Kennedy; and Olivia Grant, Jackson. (M.C. Photo by Bill Strange)



Off To The Student Convention

Three of the sixty William Carey College students who will be attending the annual State Baptist Student Union Convention on November 9-11 start loading their car early in the above photo. Heading for First Church, Starkville where the three day convention will take place are: from left: Kathy Smith, Paul Parker and Terry Booth.

Under the direction of Tim Thomas, director of BSU activities, and Dr. Jerry Oswalt, Carey chaplain, the Carey group will provide several of its members in key positions. THE BSU Choir, the NEW IMAGE, will perform at the opening worship session on Friday evening. Terry Booth, sophomore, and recent summer missionary to Oregon, will speak during the Saturday afternoon session. Kathy Smith, the current "Miss Carey College," is a member of the BSU state nominating committee. Conrad Howell serves as a member of the Executive Council and Paul Parker is on the summer missions committee.

Church Recreation Sets Three '74 Rec Labs

NASHVILLE — Many "first-time" programs will highlight three nationwide recreation labs scheduled for 1974 in Florida, New Mexico and North Carolina. Each lab is sponsored by the church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"These Rec Labs are designed for professional church staff members who deal with church recreation," said Ray Conner, secretary of the board's recreation department. "Primarily, participants will be instructed in recreation methodology as it is used by churches in evangelistic outreach, educational programs, worship services, community ministry and fellowships."

The first recreation lab is set for Jan. 3-9, at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, Leesburg, Fla. The second is scheduled for Jan. 31 - Feb. 6, at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center and the third lab will be held at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center, Oct. 24-30.

Among the topics to be dealt with at the Rec Labs, many "first-time" programs will be featured. Every participant will have an opportunity to become certified by the American Red Cross for courses in first aid. The American Camping Association will also certify all interested participants in campcraft study.



THINGS ARE GETTING MIGHTY SERIOUS — The brilliant Rogers and Hammerstein musical OKLAHOMA! is set for production by Blue Mountain College the nights of November 15-17 with Evelyn Huddleston of West Point in a lead role. Opposite her will be Jerry Beatty of New Albany.

"Church Staff Relationships" is another new program which will be offered. It deals with skills in management administration, budgeting, scheduling, long-range planning, supervision and human relations. Other new areas of concentration include "Recreation for Children," "Crafts, Basic and Advanced," "Recreation in Missions" and "Rap for Recreators," in which common recreation problems will be discussed.

Space for lab participants and their spouses will be limited, and there will be no provision for children. Cost is \$90 per person, with \$25 of that amount due as a registration fee.

Reservations may be made by writing R. Maines Rawls, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

English-Language Convention Picks New Zealander

The first non-American presiding officer of the European Baptist Convention (English-language) was chosen during annual sessions in Madrid.

He is Harold Pidwell, originally from New Zealand, who presently serves the EBC-affiliated Kitzengen (Germany) Baptist Church as pastor. The London University and Ruschikon seminary graduate was elected to a one-year term as president. — EBPS.

OKLAHOMA Set For November 15-17

Rogers and Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA, is set for production by Blue Mountain College the nights of November 15-17 at the school's Garrett Auditorium.

The three-night production is being directed by Mrs. Dianne Saucier of Blue Mountain's Speech and Drama Department, assisted by students Linda Hamil and Teresa LaFayette.

Serving as musical director for OKLAHOMA is Mrs. Dianna Formis-ma of Blue Mountain and assisting her is Mrs. Teresa Rame also of Blue Mountain.

Tickets are now available at the college and arrangements for them can be made by contacting the school or calling 685-5711.



New Liberty's New Pastorium Is Paid For

Pictured above is the beautiful new \$15,000 pastorium of New Liberty Church, Calhoun County, which had a note-burning service October 14, 1973, after completing the building May 10, 1972. The home, in which Rev. John M. McMillen resides, was built mostly by the church people. Mr. McMillen has been pastor at New Liberty for 14 years. The burning of the note marked the activation of Phase II of the long-range church building program which includes a new church auditorium. Dennis Conniff, Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is building consultant for the church.

Mississippi Association Gives Love Gift To Retiring Clerk Of Thirteen Years

On October 26, Bradley Tarver, retiring clerk of Mississippi Association, was honored at the annual meeting of the association, held at Mars Hill Church. He was given a love gift of \$300, and many delegates to the association expressed appreciation for his 13 years of service.

Rev. Arthur Smith, moderator, has written a letter of appreciation to Mr. Tarver, pictured, as an official communication from the association, to be published in the Minutes.

In part, the letter states, "There are some men who do not lightly assume the mantle of responsibility. . . . Your faithful and dedicated service to your church and to your Lord have, I believe, been the basis of 13 years of zealous service as clerk-secretary of Mississippi Baptist Association. I remember when you regrettably submitted your resignation two years ago because of your own and, too, your wife's failing health. But because you are the kind of man you are, when an unusual occasion arose in our association, it was you who came from retirement and resumed what seemed to be an impossible task so that the

invaluable minutes of this historic association were preserved when it seemed that year's proceedings were forever lost. This example of loyalty to Christ served to point up the life you have lived for Him. Yours has been a fruitful life. . . ."

Alcorn-Tishomingo Slate Preview Of January Bible Study

Alcorn-Tishomingo Associations are sponsoring a preview study of the January Bible Study on the book of Colossians. November 8-10, 7 each evening: Thursday and Saturday nights with Glendale Church; Friday night with First Church, Burnsville.

The preview study will be taught by Dr. Lewis G. Sewell, pictured, Dean of Religious Affairs, Union University, Jackson, Tenn. Dr. Sewell is a graduate of Union and of New Orleans Seminary. He has served as teaching assistant to Dr. R. E. Glaze Jr., New Testament in Greek. He also has pastored in Tenn., Ala., and Miss.

"The public is invited. Pastors and church leaders are urged to attend," states Rev. E. P. Baldwin, pastor, Shiloh Church, Corinth.

Engagement is a word used in marital and military circles to indicate a war has begun.

Americans United Stops New Hampshire Parochial Plan

KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE (C-SNS) — The sending of public school teachers to teach in parochial schools in Keene, New Hampshire, was ordered terminated by U. S. District Court judge Hugh Bowens on October 12. Americans United for Separation of Church and State had brought suit in federal court on October 1 to challenge the parochial school aid plan.

Americans United charged in the suit that the plan violated the religious liberty provisions of the First Amendment and decisions of the New Hampshire federal court handed down in May and September of 1973.

Americans United is also challenging in federal courts the use of public funds to place public teachers in parochial schools in Michigan and Kentucky.

Annuity Board Head's Father Dies In Kansas

COFFEYVILLE, Kan. (BP) — Elmer E. Morgan, 81, father of a Southern Baptist denominational leader, died here of a heart attack.

He was father of Darold H. Morgan of Dallas, president of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Another son, Harold, is pastor of Linn Creek Baptist Church, Linn Creek, Mo.

Other survivors include his wife, a third son and two daughters, all of Coffeyville. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Dignity is one thing that cannot be preserved in alcohol.

Liberty (Newton) Among First To Take Part In Gulfshore Rebuilding Program

Liberty Church, Newton, is among the first churches in Newton County to take action which will place the church among those participating in the rebuilding program of Gulfshore Assembly.

Pastor J. B. Costilow explains his church's action: "The area-wide promotional meeting for the rebuilding of Gulfshore was held on August 28; on September 3 the deacons of Liberty Church met and recommended unanimously that our church involve itself to the extent of 2% of our annual budget in the rebuilding program; the church, meeting in business session on September 5 accepted this recommendation."

Liberty, one of the oldest churches in Newton county, has a long history of service to the community, and ministry to the students of Clarke College. Pastor Costilow also serves the college as BSU Director, and several of the students participate regularly in the church activities.

A deacon of the church, in discussing the rebuilding of Gulfshore Assembly commented, "We didn't have this type of facility or opportunity when we were coming up, and we must do everything we can to see that it is provided now for our young people."

Off The Record

Four-year-old Bobby was stroking his cat before the fireplace in perfect content. The cat, also happy, began to purr loudly. Bobby gazed at her askance for a moment and then suddenly seized the cat by the tail and dragged her roughly from the hearth. His mother interposed.

"You must not hurt your kitty, Bobby."

"I'm not," said Bobby, protestingly, "but I've got to get her away from the fire. She's beginning to boil."

"I've never seen such a boy for asking questions!" cried a father impatiently to his young son. "I wonder what would have happened if I had asked as many questions when I was a boy." "Maybe," suggested the lad, "you'd be able to answer some of mine now."

Mistress: Marie, when you wait on the table tonight for my guests, please don't spill anything."

Maid: "Don't you worry, ma'am. I never talk much."

Slow Walter: "This coffee is imported from Brazil."

Tired Customer: "Well, whatta yuh know? It's still warm."

"We're lost! What shall we do?" cried one deer hunter hysterically.

"Shoot an extra deer," said the other deer hunter, "and the game warden will be here in five minutes!"

He who has no fire in himself cannot warm others.

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
If you live in Mississippi, you know the name of Douglas Hudgins.
If you live on the other side of the world, you may have heard the name of Douglas Hudgins.
Five years ago this coming January he was elected executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. February 3, 1969, he began his duties in that role. Now he is retiring.
If you live in Mississippi, you may have heard Dr. Hudgins preach, in a big city church or in a small country church. You may have seen and heard him on television. You may have seen him on Capitol Street in Jackson, where he greeted you with a wide grin

and an enthusiastic "Hi!" You may have seen him in the Baptist Building—in his office, in the lobby, or on the elevator. If you work in the Baptist Building you have come to love and respect him as your boss. You've heard him read from the Psalms at Friday chapel and add his own words of encouragement. You've heard the cheerful optimism in his voice as he reported on the work of Mississippi Baptists—and you found his attitude contagious.
If you've lived in Jackson, he may have been your pastor. Perhaps he performed your wedding ceremony. Or maybe he was the one you called to assist at the funeral of somebody you loved.

If you've been to the Baptist Hospital, you've probably seen Dr. Hudgins. Maybe he visited in your room. If you've been to the emergency room, perhaps you saw him there. Wasn't he answering the phone for the busy nurses, or finding a wheelchair for an incoming patient, or speaking a word of assurance to somebody who was sick? It wouldn't be surprising if you had, for he does it often. You may not have known (or maybe you guessed) that he was a premed student at the time he surrendered to preach, and that two of his three sons are medical doctors.
You may have seen him at a concert, for his wife has for at least twenty years been a cellist in the Jackson

Symphony Orchestra. Both he and she have been directors of the Jackson Symphony, and she has been a first vice-president of the Symphony League.
You may have seen him at the Barnett Reservoir, coming in from a day's fishing.
If you were in the lobby of the Portland Hilton Hotel last June, you saw him warmly greeted by J. D. Grey and Wayne Dehoney and many other SBC greats and felt that among them he was well-known and well-liked.

Perhaps you remembered that he had been first vice-president of the SBC, and one year had preached the convention sermon.
If you have been to a meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention within the past 26 or 27 years, you saw him, for he was there "right in the middle of things," as host pastor or convention president, chairman of the Executive Committee, chairman of some fund-raising committee, or beaming with excitement over the prospects of a new Baptist Building.

If you are a missionary, he may have visited you in the country where you serve, or he may have been present at your appointment service or met your plane when you came home on furlough. You know that as Foreign Mission Board president he is immensely and intensely interested in you and your work.

If you were in school at Tennessee's Carson-Newman in the middle twenties, you knew Douglas Hudgins. While a junior there, he surrendered to preach, during a between-semester revival. After he had responded to the invitation and gone forward, he realized that they were singing, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go." He almost said aloud, "I wonder where the Lord will send me."

The Lord sent him to Tennessee and Texas—and to Mississippi. He has used him thus far as a pastor, and as Mississippi Baptists' executive secretary.

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Dr. Hudgins Is Honored Upon Retirement At Special Service

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, of Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was signally honored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention at a special service at the church on Tuesday night of this week, which was followed by a reception for him and Dr. Earl Kelly, also of Jackson, at the nearby Baptist Building.

The occasion was the retirement of Dr. Hudgins who had reached the Convention Board's mandatory retirement age, and his succession by Dr. Kelly, who was inaugurated at the close of the special service and stood with him in the reception that followed.

Dr. Hudgins had served the Convention Board as executive secretary for nearly five years. He was elected in February of 1969 following a period of several months in which he had served as interim executive secretary while he was still pastor of First Baptist Church and at the time chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board.

Just prior to his election, Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, of Tupelo, chairman of the nominating committee, said

"we are recommending him because we believe it is God's will and because we believe that he is qualified better than any other man in the world."

"Spotlighting the Executive Secretary-Treasurer," was the fitting title of the well-planned special service, which was presided over by Dr. Hamblin, of Tupelo, now president of the Convention Board.

The service began at 6:50 with "Moments of Instrumental Inspiration."

The audience next engaged in a period of congregational singing, followed by introductions and recognitions under direction of Dr. Hamblin.

The highlight of the service was the paying of tributes to Dr. Hudgins on behalf of his leadership, not only for

the Convention Board but for his contributions to Kingdom work as a spiritual leader, missionary, and Southern Baptist Convention personality.

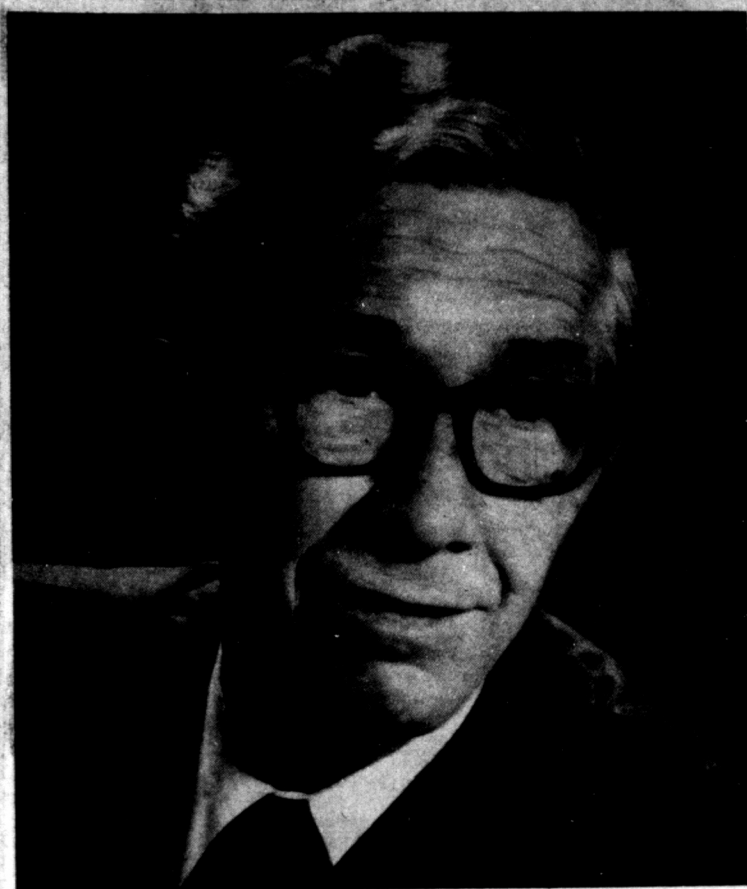
The first speaker, paying tribute to Dr. Hudgins as a spiritual leader, was Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record since 1959.

Dr. Odle has personally known Dr. Hudgins for many years, as he is a member of First Baptist Church of Jackson, of which Dr. Hudgins was pastor for 23 years prior to his becoming executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention Board.

Giving expressions of tribute to Dr. Hudgins as an executive secretary was Dr. Robert Lee, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Dr. Lee, who represented all executive secretaries of the states in the Southern Baptist Convention, was formerly a pastor in Mississippi and has known Dr. Hudgins personally for

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W. Douglas Hudgins -
Spiritual Leader

An Editorial

(Message delivered by the editor at the special service honoring Dr. Hudgins at the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Tuesday evening, November 13, 1973. The occasion was the time of his retirement.)

To define Christian leadership, or to enumerate all of the desirable characteristics of a Christian leader might be a time-consuming procedure, but in the Old Testament I found a verse which outlines some of the qualities such leaders must possess.

Listen to the verse:

"And the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all of their brethren were at their commandment."

These words are found in I Chronicles 12:32. They speak of some of the men who shared in making David king of Israel.

Listen to those words once more:

"men that had understanding of the times,"
"men who knew 'what Israel ought to do,'"
"all of their brethren were at their commandment."
They present some qualities of leadership. Here were men who had the ability to be leaders because they understood the times, and knew what their nation ought to do, so that all of their brethren were ready to follow them.

The story has been repeated a thousand times, for every age and every situation has its leaders.

Not every person can be a leader; some must be followers.

Yet, there are those who rise above the crowd.

They must be men of ability, of wisdom, and of understanding.

When they have those qualities, others recognize them, and naturally choose them for places of leadership.

There is a sense in which leaders are born; born with special endowments of God.

But they also are made. They must grow; they must develop; God must lead them through varied experiences, and each step seems to prepare for the step ahead.

This is especially true of spiritual leaders. What is spiritual leadership? It is the quality of being able to lead in matters spiritual.

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Foreign Board Names 15 Missionaries

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 15 new missionaries to work in seven countries and heard a report urging that interest in personal overseas mission involvement be developed along lines which would enhance the overall missionary efforts of Southern Baptists.

During its November meeting in

the newly-named Baker James Cauthen Chapel, the board also heard a special report on mission projects in Middle America and the Caribbean and a report from Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary.

Overseas Division Director Winston Crawley, nothing increasing desire among Southern Baptists for direct personal involvement in overseas mis-

sions, appealed to Southern Baptists to develop special projects "in ways that will best help our missionaries in their ministries."

He said many fine things can be done through independent agencies or uncoordinated special projects but that Southern Baptist missionaries engage on a continuing basis in the same kinds of ministries and need all resources that can be made available.

Illustrating the kind of special projects available through the Foreign Mission Board for direct involvement overseas, Charles Bryan, area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, gave an optimistic report of the contributions made thus far during 1973 by 319 individuals who participated in special mission projects in Middle America and the Caribbean.

Dental and medical projects, construction projects, music ministries and other special services were conducted by these individuals representing 40 Southern Baptist churches.

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Baptist Astronaut Goes After Dual Space Record

By James Lee Young

NASSAU BAY, Tex. (BP) — Southern Baptist astronaut William R. Pogue will shoot for at least two duration record as he zooms through outer space as pilot of the Skylab 3 mission.

Pogue, a member of Nassau Bay (Tex.) Baptist Church, in a Houston suburb, will be the second Southern Baptist astronaut to journey from the earth on a manned space flight.

The Skylab 3 crew will not only attempt men's longest manned space mission of 85 days, if all goes well, but Pogue, an Air Force colonel and deacon, will automatically have the longest time in space of any Baptist.

Apollo 15 astronaut Jim Irwin, the first Baptist to set foot on the moon, spend July 26 - August 7 traveling in outer space. Irwin is now president of High Flight Foundation, a non-profit, world-wide missionary foundation in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Skylab 3 project was initially delayed five days when hairline cracks were discovered in eight stabilizing fins on the first stage of the Saturn 1B rocket. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) moved to launch date from Nov. 10 to Nov. 15.

"Bill was disappointed and frustrated," Pogue's wife, Helen, said of the delay. "He was eager to get on with it," she said via telephone from their home near Houston.

Mrs. Pogue, the former Miss Helen Dittmar of Shawnee, Okla., said she and the Pogue's three children have experienced no apprehensions about his venture in space. "We are all excited," she said.

"The children are very interested in the scientific experiments to be conducted on Skylab 3," she added. "Bill has been working toward this

mission for years and years," Mrs. Pogue said. "He has always been interested in the space program. It was something gradual, not a big shock," she said of his eventual entry into the NASA program.

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Students Hear Speakers, Set \$20,000 Missions Goal



A reception honoring Dr. Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Earl Kelly, new executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was held at the Student Convention Friday night. Those in receiving line were, from left, Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of student work; Mrs. Winders, Dr. Kelly, Mrs. Kelly, Dr. Cooper, Mrs. Cooper, and David Jones, Mississippi State student and president of the convention.

Dr. Owen Cooper, of Yazoo City, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, told the State Baptist Student Convention last Saturday that

"to a large degree the future of the capitalistic system, a free enterprise system that has meant so much to us, depends on re-establishment in our whole economic systems some of the Christian principles which are essential for public acceptance, long term existence and the future interests of the enterprises themselves."

Dr. Cooper paid glowing tribute to the ministry of the BSU, and said he was largely a product of the Baptist Student Union.

Speaking at the First Baptist Church, in Starkville, host to the Convention, continuing, he said:

"There has never been a time when the need for consistent Christian living was greater than it is now."

"Too many of us wear Christianity as a badge and do not accept it as a way of life."

"There is a need for Christianity in all areas of life, but especially in the area of business."

"Some businesses are so self-seeking that they will corrupt the public morality, pollute the public domain

and bribe public servants for their own personal profit, economic gain and financial welfare."

"My experience is that if you will demonstrate your desire to live the Good News as a Christian businessman, your peers and those under you and those above you will accept your position as it is."

"There is not a greater need than consistent Christian living among business people in the world."

"Hopefully there is growing up a younger generation, dedicated to the principles of the Scripture, and willing not only to give lip service to their dedication but who will put their lives on the line in His Service."

Dr. Earl Kelly, of Jackson told the Convention at its opening session Friday night that "Our material affluence has dragged us into a spiritual stupor."

Dr. Kelly, who will become executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Nov. 13, succeeding Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, who will retire, continuing said:

"A few serious statesmen agonize over an approaching Armageddon,

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Trueblood To Bring Staley Lectures At Mississippi College

One of the nation's foremost Christian authors and philosophers — Dr. Elton Trueblood — will be at Mississippi College this week as guest lecturer in the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lectures.

Using "The Mission and Ministry of the Church" as his general topic, Dr. Trueblood will be speaking to students, faculty, pastors and townspeople during his stay on campus.

"The Role of the Christian Layman" will be his lecture topic for Thursday, Nov. 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. in Province Chapel.

Scheduled primarily for students and guest pastors of the state, the three-hour session will include a lecture, followed by small group discussions led by off-campus pastors.

The participants will later reassemble for share sessions with Dr. Trueblood and the discussion leaders.

His Friday lecture will be geared mainly for students and is entitled "The Role of the Christian Student."

The meeting will be from 10 to 11 a.m. in Province Chapel with a discussion session to follow.

The author of some thirty books, Dr. Trueblood has been honored with the Christian Service Award and the Churchman of the Year Award and has been showered with many other honors and awards.

He holds earned degrees from William Penn College, Harvard University and Johns Hopkins University and

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Scottish Baptists

Cite Increases.

Discrimination

GLASGOW, Scotland (BP) — Increased membership and baptisms have reversed a downward trend for churches of the Baptist Union of Scotland in 1973, delegates to the annual assembly were told here.

The Scots also heard reports on "religious discrimination" against Scottish Baptists and learned they had exceeded their annual budget target for the first time in several years.

Ian Mundie, a Scottish Baptist pastor reporting for European Baptist Press Service (EBPS), said membership in Scottish Baptist churches reached 16,475, an increase of 56 over 1972. Baptisms for 1973 were 532, compared with 469 last year.

In an address to the assembly, Tom Houston, director of communications for the British and Foreign Bible Society, noted that Baptist Union membership figures showed an increase for the first time in 15 years.

"No one is working harder and coming nearer to halting the downward trend in statistics than Scottish Baptists," Houston said, referring to an overall national decline in membership in church life and activities.

In a business session, Baptist Union Secretary Andrew MacRae decried "religious discrimination" against Scottish Baptists.

According to EBPS, MacRae spoke of an act governing changes in education committees, affected by regional development in Scotland, and of protests to the Secretary of State for Scotland that the act discriminates against non-Church of Scotland Protestants.

The act provides statutory places (on the committees) for representatives for the Church of Scotland and of the Roman Catholic Church but doesn't provide guaranteed places for other church groups, according to EBPS.

Baptists and other denominations have been successful so far in their bid for a third statutory representative on education committees from

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Dr. Hudgins in the Baptist Building chapel, at a 1969 meeting of the Convention Board.



Dr. Hudgins was elected president of the Foreign Mission Board in 1972 and re-elected in 1973. He is shown with other 1972 officers, Mrs. R. B. Carter, Glen E. Braswell, and Austin W. Farley.



Dr. Hudgins is pictured with Missionary Dwight L. Baker in Israel, while on a mission tour in the fall of 1969.



Dr. Hudgins led the opening prayer for the dedication of the Gilroy Progressive Care Unit, January 3, 1971. He is pictured with Paul Pryor, Dr. Chester Swor, Zach Hederman, and Dr. Joe Tuten.

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After Camille, Dr. Hudgins suggested that the Convention Board buy and lend mobile trailers to two congregations where churches had been destroyed.



Dr. Hudgins presents a check for \$100,000 to Dr. John Traylor, pastor of First, Gulfport, relief funds after Camille.



Dr. Hudgins with convention officers and host pastor at the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1970. Left to right are Horace Kerr, Glenn Perry, Clyde Little, and Larry Rohman.



Three leading officers of the SBC attended the Foreign Mission Board's October meeting this fall. Owen Cooper, president (1 to r): James Harris, first vice president; and Clifton Brannon, second v-p; are seen with Dr. Baker Cauthen and the board's president, Dr. Hudgins.



Dr. Hudgins receives his college's Distinguished Alumnus Award — Carson - Newman in October, 1970.

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several years in addition to his opportunity in a nearby state to observe the leadership of the honoree in Mississippi.

Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, was present and spoke highly of the accomplishments of Dr. Hudgins as a Southern Baptist leader.

Dr. Hudgins has been active for many years in the life and work of the denomination and Dr. Routh has been in position to recognize his leadership.

Mrs. Dawn Gandy, well-known vocal soloist of Hattiesburg, formerly of Jackson, rendered a vocal solo.

Mrs. Gandy has sung on numerous occasions in which Dr. Hudgins has participated or been honored, making her presence most appropriate.

The final tribute was given by Dr. Louie D. Newton, of Atlanta, former pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in that city and long-time friend and co-worker of Dr. Hudgins in Southern Baptist Convention activities.

The work and program of the Convention Board has shown steady and substantial progress under the leadership of Dr. Hudgins.

The annual budget of the Cooperative Program has passed the \$5,000,000 mark for the first time and the

budget for 1974 is \$5,500,000, the largest in the history of the Convention.

Many improvements have been made in the operation of the work of the Board, including the installation of computer services both in the accounting office and the Baptist Record mailing operations.

A "Restore Gulfshore" Convention approved Campaign to raise \$1,250,000 over the state toward the rebuilding of Gulfshore Assembly, which was practically destroyed by Hurricane Camille in 1969.

"These funds would be added to other monies on hand to rebuild the facility. The membership of the churches in the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1968 totaled 526,350 while the number had grown to 558,742 by 1972.

In 1968 total gifts by Mississippi Baptist Convention churches were \$39,259,198. Total gifts in 1972 had climbed to \$50,596,007.

Many observers have pointed to the spirit of unity and harmony that have prevailed in the state during the past five years.

Dr. Hudgins succeeded Dr. Chester L. Quarles, who had served as executive secretary-treasurer, from 1950 until his death in 1968 while on a mission tour of South America.

Dr. Hudgins served the First Baptist Church of Jackson from 1946 until he resigned that pastorate "with re-

grets" in February of 1969 to accept the post for the state board.

The church had a substantial growth under the leadership of Dr. Hudgins.

Church records show a total of 7356 additions, 1476 baptisms, total contributions of \$8,291,601, mission gifts of \$2,807,077, Cooperative Program contributions of \$1,489,992, and a 1955 building expansion program of \$1,300,000.

Dr. Hudgins has been active in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Mississippi Baptist Convention, as well as the Hinds-Madison

Baptist Association, and has held many places of leadership in every area of Baptist life and in several states.

In the Southern Baptist Convention he has served as vice-president, chairman of its Executive Committee for several years, preached the Convention sermon and is presently president of the Foreign Mission Board of the Convention.

In the Mississippi Baptist Convention he has served as its president, chairman of Education Commission, chairman of building committee for the new Mississippi Baptist Conven-

tion Building, chairman of executive committee of board, preached convention sermon, and has held numerous other positions of service.

He came to the Jackson pastorate from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Houston, Texas and prior churches served by him included Broadway Baptist, Fort Worth, Texas and Radnor Baptist, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Hudgins is a native of Estill Springs, Tenn., and holds a B.A. degree from Carson-Newman College, Tennessee and a Th.M. degree from

Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mississippi College awarded him the honorary D.D. degree in 1948.

Mrs. Hudgins is the former Blanche Jones of Knoxville, Tenn. They have three children, R. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson; Dr. W. Robert Hudgins, Temple, Texas and Dr. James J. Hudgins, of Jackson.

Dr. Hudgins is also active in civic and cultural affairs, having been president of the Jackson Rotary Club, director of Jackson Symphony Orchestra as well as holding other places of civic leadership.

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but most people are more interested in the latest sports scores and the high cost of gasoline.

"We see a society which has entered 'the age of the shrug,' and its characteristic expression is 'We couldn't care less.' But Christians do not have the option of indifference. They must care.

"What little use to profess if our actions belie the profession we make! It is not so much for us to

say we are Christians as it is to prove it by the life we live.

"The chief end in life is not happiness, but holiness. God does not save us just to make us happy. He predestinates us to be conformed to the image of His Son.

"If we belong to what God calls 'a holy nation' our countenance, conversation and conduct ought to show some of our national characteristics."

Mrs. Frances B. Spain, director of the Bureau of Public Information of

the Louisiana Department of Education, Saturday told the students that "the world is full of 'relations'—not 'cousins by the codens', but 'relationships.' Some of them give one pleasure — but not all of them!! But the fact that I, first of all, established a relationship with Christ — both private and public — means that He helps me as I work.

"Public Relations is not an isolated field. Each of — you and I — are in 'public relations' from the time we learn that a grin at a proud Papa brings love and praise — right on through life.

"It's really very simple — Jesus gave the basic elements: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind — and love your neighbor just as much as you do yourself.' So Public Relations may be what you'll be doing to make a living — but it always is how you go about living your life."

Mississippi Baptist college students, several hundred in number, from 30 schools and colleges in the state, were in Starkville for the annual Mississippi Baptist Student Convention which came to a close Sunday morning at 10:35 o'clock.

Bible study at each session was led by Dr. Doug Ezell, assistant professor of New Testament, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

There was a reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, and Dr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly at the close of the Friday evening session.

Other features included a business session, recognition of 1973 student missionaries, missions offering and a special music.

The business session included the setting of a financial goal of \$20,000 for the students of the Convention to subscribe, for the purpose of sending 37 student missionaries to six foreign countries and 17 states in the U. S. this summer.

The students give this amount "over-and-above" their regular church contributions.

Jerry Merriman, student director at Mississippi State University, is chairman of the Student Missions Committee.

Student missionaries also serve throughout the year in special BSU sponsored projects.

An estimated 1000 were present.

The Convention President Speaks

These words are being written at a time which is almost a limbo state. This is Friday morning before the convention meets next week. Naturally, my mind is turned in that direction. Naturally, I am concerned about our meeting.

On the other hand, the convention will be well under way or over when you read these words. Let me assure you it has been a delight, privilege, and honor to serve as your president these twelve months. You have been a gracious, wonderful people, who are responsive in a magnificent way. Therefore, I want to thank you for such an opportunity.

On many occasions, I have mentioned the restoration of Gulfshore in this column. At this time in reporting, we are suffering some frustrations in regard to getting official reports. The word of mouth has been exciting and hopeful. Now, please, send your pledge cards right on in to P. O. Box 530, Jackson. This is an opportunity few generations will ever have. When this facility stands on that Gulf Coast, it will be a beacon, a monument, and a testimony to our love for God and our concern for His work. I shall give a brief report during the convention in regard to progress. If you have any comments and/or questions, please catch me off to one side and I shall be glad to hear them. —David Grant.

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among their church members, EBPS said.

McRae advised assembly delegates to nominate church people to local authorities for election to the education committees, even where no guaranteed places exist. "While there is objection to social, racial and even sexual discrimination in this country, we find ourselves as victims of religious discrimination," he was quoted as saying.

John McCurden is the new president of the Baptist Union of Scotland, succeeding Ramsey G. Small.

If you want to defend Christianity, practice it.

Pleasant memories must be arranged for in advance.



He was president, Mississippi Baptist Convention 1960-62. Above he is shown with Dr. Lewis White, formerly of Natchez.



He was chairman of the Fund-Raising Committee for Gulfshore Assembly, 1969, and successfully led in raising \$100,000.



He was chairman of the Executive Committee, MBCB, 1962-68. Above he is pictured with the Executive Committee, 1968.



Dr. Hudgins presides as chairman, Committee on Program, Executive Committee, SBC, 1964. He served on the SBC Executive Committee for 15 years and was its chairman in 1965-66. He was SBC vice-president in 1967.



Dr. Hudgins with Billy Graham at the 1967 New York Crusade.

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Leader —
State And
Nation

Mississippi's Most Widely Known Baptist--W. Douglas Hudgins

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retary. Now, 48 years after his ordination to the ministry, Dr. Hudgins is starting a new phase of his life. He says, typically, "This is just another step in my life. I'm not worried about it. I don't have any specific plans. If there's another door out there, the Lord will open it -- I'll still be going wherever he leads."

Soon after he surrendered to preach he discovered personally the verse from Proverbs, "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." He says, "I believe that if I would try to do my part, God would guide my steps."

At Bull's Gap, Tennessee, he preached his first sermon, in the church where his father, William Douglas Hudgins, Sr., had made his first speech as Tennessee's state Sunday school secretary. Soon a small church near Lenoir City called him and First Church, Jefferson City, ordained him on his 20th birthday, May 4, 1925. His deacon - father was on the examining council.

His and his brother Brooks' earliest childhood days had been spent in middle Tennessee. He was born at Estill Springs. His father was Tennessee Baptists' state Sunday school secretary from 1909 until his death in an automobile accident in 1934. His mother, Lella, who died in 1962, was the daughter of a Baptist pastor, J. T. Barrow. His brother lives now in New Mexico.

When he was ten he became a Christian, and was baptized in Taylor's Creek. Then the summer after he finished high school at Fitzgerald-Clark Military Academy he met the girl he was going to marry.

Where did they meet? The other day at their Jackson home on Eastwood Drive, Mrs. Hudgins was talking about the time when they first saw each other. It was during a BYPU retreat on the Carson - Newman campus. She was 16 and he only slightly older.

She had been born Blanche Jones on a farm near Maryville, Missouri. Her father died when she was three. Now she and her mother and step - father were living in Knoxville, Tennessee. Her church was Broadway, and her pastor's wife, Mrs. B. A. Bowers, introduced her to Doug. Blanche had just arrived at the retreat and was holding a small bag. Another larger bag stood beside her. Doug took the small bag from her hand and walked into the building with her, leaving the big one for someone else to carry! (He was so enthralled with the beautiful blue-eyed blonde that he couldn't take his eyes off her!)

Already he was a field worker for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. In fact, he was Blanche Jones' teacher at the BYPU retreat. Blanche wrote home -- all the way from Carson -

Newman to Knoxville: "Mother, I have met two boys I like. One plays a saxophone, and we are having a ball. The other one is so GOOD-LOOKING, and he is my teacher! But I don't know if he has noticed me or not." He didn't even get her phone number, but the next time he was in Knoxville he called her. He knew her name was Jones and her stepfather's name was something else and he knew the name of her street. With his information, the operator supplied the number. Nowadays that probably wouldn't work.

They were not married until five years later, for his father sent him off to Carson - Newman, and Blanche went to Virginia Intermont College at Bristol to major in piano and voice. While they were dating, every time he was in Knoxville he would eat at her house, so she was not sure if he were coming to see her or to eat her mother's cooking.

A sermon from a chubby - cheeked Chattanooga preacher got through to both of them: "Is this the man you would choose as the father of your children? Is this the woman you would like to have as the mother of your children?" Then they both decided for sure that they would choose each other.

On a Thursday afternoon, September 1, 1927, at four o'clock, they were married at her home in Fountain City, suburb of Knoxville. Doug gave a \$10 gold piece to each of two assisting preachers. Since it was tradition that such gold pieces would be given back to the bride, he felt secure in being so lavish with his money. But he was in for a surprise. One of them forgot (?) to return his.

For their honeymoon they spent the first night in Chattanooga -- and then went on to Louisville, Kentucky, to see the seminary. They had to wait. A couple of years, though, before they could afford to enter the seminary. Until their first son was born she taught piano in three high schools. At the same time the young preacher was teaching in high school and commuting on weekends to two churches where he was pastor. With only one car, their schedule soon became a hectic one. It was with great relief that they became a two - car family. In one of their early cars they were driving one day from Tullahoma to Knoxville when they ran into a rainstorm and couldn't get the side curtains up. You guessed it. They were drenched.

She remembers that while they were in the seminary they were still on a very tight budget. She kept their money in five little boxes, for different expense items; the last box was for clothing to be bought only after all the other items were paid. (This you may not believe, for two more elegantly, tastefully dressed people to

day you could not find.)

At the seminary he earned the Th.M. degree, was offered a fellowship in the Theology Department, and had almost finished the requirements for a doctorate when the Lord opened another door. He was supplying for Dr. R. G. Lee at Bellevue, Memphis, when a pulpits committee informed him that he had been called to the pastorate of Broadway Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Since he felt God wanted him to go, he went. He thought perhaps he might complete studies for the Th.D. at Southwestern. But the demands of the large church were tremendous, and there was no time for school. Some years later Mississippi College awarded to him the Doctor of Divinity degree.

His three major pastorates -- Broadway, Fort Worth; First Church, Houston, Texas; and First Church, Jackson, Mississippi -- were all churches with 5,000 or more members. He came to Mississippi as pastor of the largest church in the state in 1946 and remained as pastor there for 23 years.

Just the other day Mrs. Hudgins was saying, "Yes, it will be nice to have him home more." In a conspiratorial voice she added, "I'm making a list of things for him to do, but he may say, 'Honey, I don't feel like doing that.'"

Regal. No other word describes her beauty in a better way. Poised and regal, but still warm and vivacious, she sat down on the white couch in the den. Opposite her was the copper-hooded fireplace, flanked with old-fashioned rockers cushioned in blue velvet. The striking collection of paintings? "They are by Mississippi-born artist, Roland Golden."

In her deep rich voice she explained that her husband is a day person and she is a night person. She chuckled, "I married for better or for worse, but not for lunch. Preacher likes to go to bed about 9:30 and get up at 5:30. I like to go to bed at midnight and sleep very late next morning." His habit of getting up early goes back to his childhood. His father wanted to get up early, so his mother would get the family up at the crack of dawn, even if they had been teaching in training schools and travelling until 3 a.m.

"He's a good cook," she admitted -- "likes to do steaks outside, and cooks his breakfast. And when I plan the menus, I always try to have the things that he likes."

She walked over to the double glass doors and went out into the garden. "Preacher likes to work here." Tall trees and a brick wall made this a place of quiet seclusion, where he could dig in the flower beds or cut the grass, or sit in the shade on the patio. At the top of a flight of steps on the far side of the garden, water splashed over the sides of a black wrought

iron fountain. "He loves to fish, too, and occasionally he goes hunting."

What about the grandchildren? How many are there now? "Our three sons have nine children -- five boys and four girls and we are a very close-knit family. Preacher's church came first -- but his fatherhood ran a very close second!" To illustrate, she went on, "With big churches, the many members kept him busy most of the time. I never called him unless it were an emergency like one of the boys getting his head split open with a baseball bat. But if such an emergency occurred and I called, he would come immediately, even if he were talking to the Governor."

Two of the boys, Doug and Jim, now live in Jackson, and Bob lives in Temple, Texas. Jim has a son who was born in Germany; when he comes of age he can choose to be either an American or a German citizen. While Jim was in the armed services in Germany, giving orders, and taking orders, he wrote, "Thank God I had a daddy to tell me no!"

With the children, Preacher was a strict disciplinarian, as his own father had been, his wife remembers. "Do it," he'd say -- no questions asked. Each boy was very different in personality; each was treated as an individual, but all obeyed the rules."

Mrs. Hudgins began playing the cello when Jim was a youngster started taking violin lessons. His teacher said she might be able to help him if she herself played a stringed instrument. She was pianist at First Church, Jackson, for a long time. All the Hudgins boys have inherited her musical talent -- play the saxophone, clarinet, piano, violin.

In the living room she pointed out her favorites in their fine collection of ancient Oriental objects of art.

Mrs. Hudgins taught Sunday school from the time she was twelve until

just a few years ago. At First, Jackson, she taught adult women. She also worked in Church Training for a long time. Indeed, she was leader of what was practically the first group of Juniors in the SBC. At Broadway, Knoxville, when she was 14, the Ju-

niors and Intermediates were meeting together for Training Union. She asked to take the juniors and "see what she could do with them."

She is one preacher's wife who does not find her husband's sermons boring. "You know, he always preaches good sermons," she said. "He has a gift for words." (She did not say it, and it may be a trite way to describe him, but it's the truth: He's a walking dictionary. He has the right word at the tip of his tongue for every conceivable situation.) Yet the boys never saw him preparing his sermons at home. He never shoved them out of the way and told them to be quiet so he could think. He would study when they were gone, or after they were in bed. One of the boys once asked, "Daddy, when do you get your sermons up?" and he answered, "All the time."

"Preacher never talks at home about his work," Mrs. Hudgins confided. "If he has problems there, he doesn't complain about them here. And if people tell him secrets, he keeps them."

It is clearly evident that Dr. Hudgins is a success as a family man, as well as a churchman. Perhaps his secret is, as Porter Routh points out -- that he mixes his administrative skill with a compassionate concern.

On January 30, 1969, the Baptist Record printed an article titled "W. Douglas Hudgins -- Man of the Hour for Mississippi Baptists." Articles throughout this week's issue of the Record are testimonies to the wonderful way he has lived up to that title.

"To find his place and fill it is success for a man." So said Phillip Brooks. Don't you agree that Dr. Hudgins found his place and filled it well?

If you live in Mississippi, you know Douglas Hudgins. Aren't you glad you do?



Dr. and Mrs. Hudgins in 1969 at a reception given in their honor by First Church, Jackson.

W. Douglas Hudgins: Man Sent From God

By Louie D. Newton
(Message delivered at Mississippi Baptist Convention, Tuesday Evening, November 13, 1973)

Ask the folks in those country churches where he served as pastor, 1925-31. Ask the folks in Radnor Church in Nashville, where he served as pastor, 1931-36. Ask the folks in Broadway Church in Fort Worth, where he served as pastor, 1936-42. Ask the folks in Houston's First Church, where he served as pastor, 1946-1969.

Ask Tennessee Baptists, Texas Baptists, Mississippi Baptists where Doug Hudgins served in so many places of denominational leadership. Ask the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention -- the Foreign

Mission Board -- all the agencies of our Baptist fellowship.

There will be one answer: William Douglas Hudgins -- A Man Sent from God.

Well Born
Born May 4, 1905, in Estill Springs, Tennessee, son of William D. and Lella (Barrow) Hudgins -- two of the cherished saints of the Lord -- we may truly and gratefully say, Doug Hudgins was well born. Never shall I forget the day in Nashville, during the Baptist 75 Million Campaign in 1919, when the beloved Sunday School leader, W. D. Hudgins, said:

"I want you to meet my boy." Tears shone like diamonds as that good father stood there with his arm

about his 14-year-old son. Later, I met his mother, and she said:

"Pray for our son -- pray that he may find and follow the will of God."

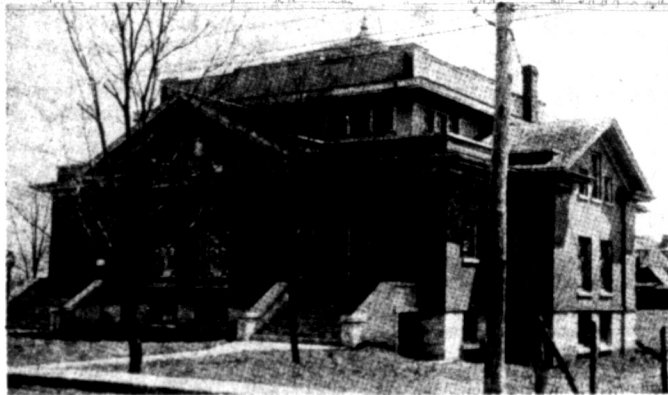
Well born! Add up all the other blessed influences that account for the life of Doug Hudgins, but remember to put at the top of the list that Christian home -- the prayers and dreams and hopes and sacrifices of that good father and mother. Nor will we forget the contributions of Carson Newman College and Southern Seminary.

Well Matched
Not only was Doug Hudgins well born -- he was well matched. The day Miss Blanche Jones said: "Yes," was, indeed, a happy day in the life of our great friend.

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William Douglas Hudgins, at age four or five



Smyrna, Tennessee, his second pastorate, 1926-28



He baptizes Kathy St. Gemme, 1963, one of the 1476 he baptized at First Baptist Church.



Dr. Hudgins on the steps of his and Mrs. Hudgins' first home, at 705 Potomac, Fort Worth, 1940.



The three Dougs--Dr. Hudgins, his oldest son, and his first grandchild.



Chaplain, Civil Air Patrol, 1950



He welcomes messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention to First Church, Jackson, 1955.



Final act as pastor of First Church, Jackson--he delivers the church keys to Dr. David J. Van Landingham, chairman of deacons, Feb. 9, 1969.



Dr. Hudgins' three sons and their wives are pictured, left to right: Mrs. R. Douglas Hudgins; and Dr. and Mrs. W. Robert Hudgins; and Dr. and Mrs. James J. Hudgins.

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EDITORIAL

W. Douglas Hudgins - - Spiritual Leader

(Continued From Page 1)

The Bible speaks of "apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers." All hold places of leadership, but each is different. In every case the person must be one who has been touched by the Spirit of God, and led by that Spirit into his place of service.

Here then, is spiritual leadership: God chosen, God prepared, God placed, and God used.

Tonight, we honor one who stands in such a position.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins is a spiritual leader, and has been one for many years.

He has been a leader in the churches.

He has been a leader in Baptist state conventions and in the national denomination.

He has been a leader in world areas. His leadership has reached beyond his own denomination.

It is my conviction that he may have reached the pinnacle of his long years of spiritual leadership, in the five years of service which he has given to Mississippi Baptists, and all Baptists everywhere, as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

God prepared him for this position over a long period.

He grew up in a Christian home where Godly parents early taught him to love the Lord Jesus Christ and his church.

His father was a denominational leader, and instilled in his son an understanding of and a love for the denomination.

A splendid education sharpened his natural abilities, and lifted his sights to high achievement.

Training in denominational schools gave him doctrinal stability, but at the same time understanding of and respect for others.

A period of school teaching, brought understanding of people as individuals.

Marriage brought him a happy Christian home, and the strength of Christian companionship.

Belief in love for, and diligent study of the Bible, caused him to be widely known as a mighty preacher of the Word.

His pastorates ranged from small churches to large ones, and from rural areas to great metropolitan centers. Through them he came to know churches and their problems; to appreciate pastors and their needs; and to understand church programs and their possibilities.

During his pastorates he was active in denominational life, serving on boards and committees which dealt with almost every type of Baptist institution, agency and program. At the same time he had personal contact and fellowship with many of the greatest

Baptist leaders of this generation.

All of this helped prepare him for the crowning service of his life, his ministry of the past five years.

God knew of this day when Mississippi Baptists would need his leadership, and readied him for it. He was a man whose background, training, and experience, made him understand the times. He was God's man, ready for God's task.

He has been a place of unusual spiritual leadership. Even though he knew that his period of service as a denominational executive, must, of necessity, be a brief one, he chose not to make it merely an interim term, but set out to build with strength both for the present and the future.

His leadership has reached all areas of the convention life. Strengthening the program, enlarging the support, unifying the organization, and bringing the closest possible cooperation between the convention board, the agencies and the churches, became his purpose. He has achieved that purpose in a remarkable manner.

One of the strongest areas of advance under his leadership has been in the field of convention finance. Fully recognizing the tremendous things which had been accomplished in this area in the past, he still saw the need for enlarging the budget to meet growing needs, and the necessity for enlisting larger and wider support from the churches. How successful he has been in accomplishing both is revealed by the record.

The budget has increased from \$4,200,000 his first year, to \$5,200,000 during this present one, an increase of \$1,000,000 in just four years. The new budget for 1974, which will be considered by this convention, has a further increase of \$300,000. While budget goals have not always been met in the past, he set out to reach them, and has done that for the past two years, with every indication being that the present budget will be met and passed. The record in the special offerings has been just as dramatic. Never has the convention had broader and fuller support from the churches.

Another goal which the new executive secretary set for the convention was the adoption of the newest and most modern technologies and systems in record keeping, with the resulting improvements in speedy cost control and fiscal information. With the assistance of Business Manager A. L. Nelson and the Business Department, a modern computerized record keeping system has been installed, and now has become a model being studied and copied by other Baptist state conventions. With it there is available at any time an up to the minute picture of the entire financial operation of the board, both as to receipts and expenditures.

All of this is accomplished at substantial savings in costs.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention probably never has been in sounder financial condition. It is meeting its budget, it is operating within its income, it is building adequate reserves, and is supporting both state and Southern Baptist objects in a larger way than ever before.

Dr. Hudgins' leadership, however, has not been limited to the area of the financial structure. He has led in setting up programs and adopting goals, that not only strengthen and enlarge the work now, but also look to expansion in the years ahead. Specific emphases already have been set for the coming three years, and definite plans already are under way for implementation of them.

He has brought a close working relationship of all departments of the convention board. Through monthly staff meetings, a correlated calendar, and other means, departments are well informed as to what others are doing, and all ministries are now actually one program of witness.

During his term of leadership all of the institutions and agencies have continued to advance. The colleges continue to grow. The Children's Village may be rendering the greatest service of its history. The Baptist Hospital has under construction what will be one of the finest health facilities in the entire Southern Baptist Convention. The rebuilding of Gulfshore, the convention's assembly center, lost in Hurricane Camille, has been projected in these years, with the campaign now under way.

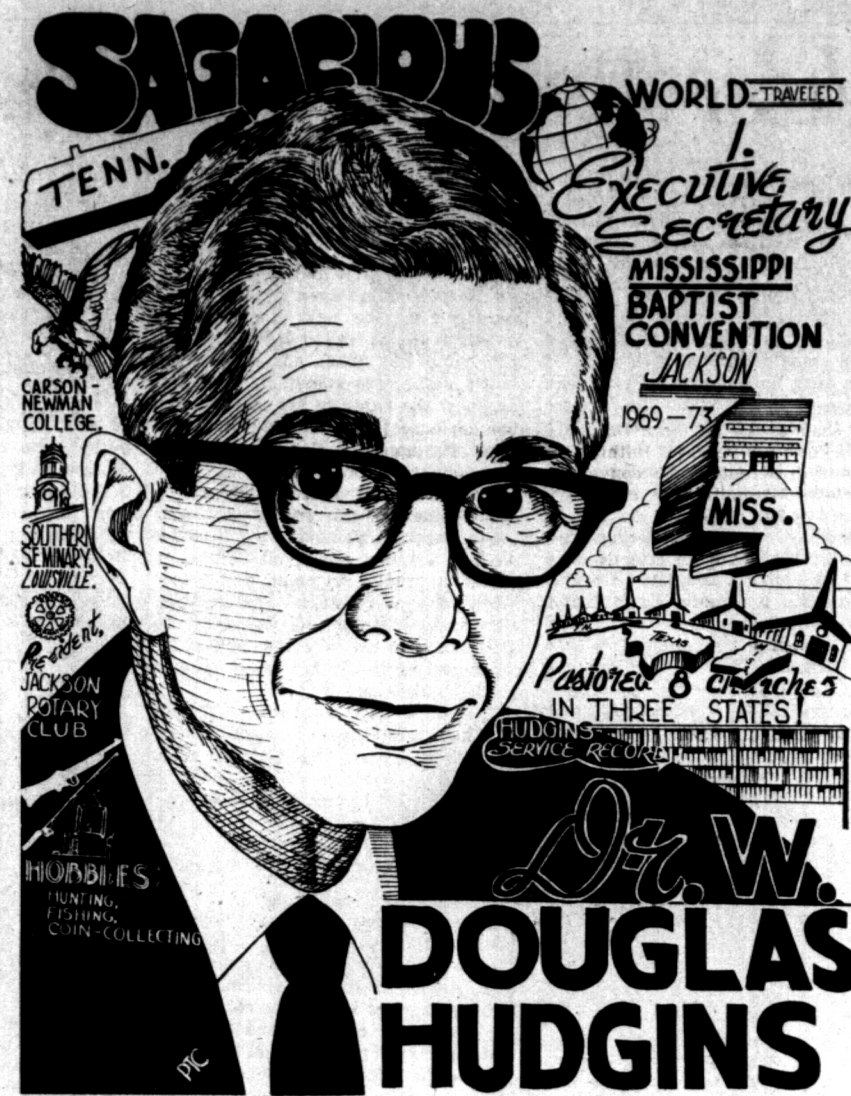
Dr. Hudgins' would be the first to disclaim credit for these advances, yet it has been the whole convention, working in unity and harmony under his leadership, which has accomplished them.

While all of this was happening, Dr. Hudgins' deep personal concern for world missions, and his involvement as a member, and now, president, of the Foreign Mission Board, have given to the state a deeper interest in and love for the foreign mission witness.

The leadership of an Executive Secretary-Treasurer reaches far beyond the realm of his office and the Baptist Building. He must be in touch with pastors and churches, large and small, all across the state. Dr. Hudgins diligently has sought to do that, and has earned to love and esteem of pastors and people all across Mississippi.

Mississippi Baptist work stands today in a position of strength and unity, perhaps unparalleled in the convention's history.

One of the reasons for this is that God provided a spiritual leader, a man who understood the times, and knew what Mississippi Baptists ought to do.



By Phil Card, Rocky Mountain Baptist



Wilda Fancher

This is the week I have been saving for a column about my pastor.

I have had several pastors, and several of them will probably read this column. One who will read it will remember the years he helped get me through high school and college. He loves to tease me about the time after my sister's wedding that I came up to him and said, "Brother Day, will you help me find me a preacher to marry?" I was in the ninth grade when Sister married her preacher, and I thought it would be great for me if I could do as well.

Brother Day helped me find the preacher, all right, but we were all three surprised at which preacher it was. I had known James Fancher all through high school days. It never seemed likely that he would be my husband, and certainly not a preacher. We were good friends, and I helped him with his problems with his girl friends, and we got along great. However, things took a startling turn during our senior year when he asked me for a date, and we began to date occasionally. Then I went to Mississippi College, in further pursuit of a preacher. After a stormy three year, James and I finally caught one another. The Lord had called him to preach during our sophomore year, but waited a while to give us the green light so far as our love for each other was concerned. For twenty-one years James was my pastor, the best one I ever had. I could see him practice what he preached, and there was never a credibility gap.

I would not try to say what pastor comes in second place. Each has filled the need my family had for a pastor at that time in life. David Grant has certainly done that at this giant-step-of-faith time in our lives. He never once questioned the wisdom of James' going into evangelism — the leadership of the Lord in our lives was sufficient for his encouragement, understanding, and literal help. Bringing our boys to a city and to such a large church as Broadmoor was a problem for me. At Broadmoor all we found was a big, warm church made up of folks like us. They loved us and have been all that a family needs in a new church home. A church doesn't get that way without some leadership of the same calibre and disposition.

It has been an interesting experience to watch another pastor work after having had such a good pastor for twenty-one years. Our pastor has a genuine interest in his people; it is not a superficial, pastorally-oriented interest. He really cares, and he keeps up with us, my family and other families. At any given moment, his knowledge of circumstances with his sheep would leave very few outside it. It is amazing to see how hard he works — visiting, counseling, helping with church activities, all kinds of tasks, yet he never gives you the impression that he has anything else waiting on his time and energy except that which you have waiting. Little children love to hug his neck, teenagers love to shake his hand, and adults love to sit back and see him make a complete success of what he is attempting. I really shouldn't say we adults sit back because he usually has us working right along with him. He has a fantastic ability to lead us to do what we ought to do, little things, big things, middle-sized things, things we want to do, things we don't want to do.

His faith is firm, his sincerity is sure, his heart is humble, and his attitude toward other people is unbelievable. He is never critical. I knew there was something different about him from our first times to be with him and Lukie, but it took me a while to put my finger on what it was: the fact that he never says anything ugly or critical or slighting about anyone. I decided once I would deliberately corner him into doing so, but you know what? I didn't. I tried, but I didn't.

When James and I were talking about David and trying to sum up how delighted

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Seminary Library Wants Minutes Of Associations

Dear Mr. Odle:

In order to establish a more workable collection of Baptist materials, our library each year attempts to secure the associational minutes of each Southern Baptist association in your state. These minutes greatly benefit our faculty and students by allowing access to current information about each association.

We would like to receive a copy of the latest issue of the minutes from each association and also be put on a permanent mailing list to receive the minutes as they are published annually.

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On The MORAL SCENE...

A Better Environment—(New York)—"Yet another poll has shown that the public is remarkably willing to incur some personal inconvenience and cost in order to achieve a better environment. Under the supervision of George Gallup, the Regional Plan Association polled 15,000 voters in a tri-state area (New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut) and found 68 percent willing to spend more of their income — either in taxes or higher prices — to improve the public environment of the region. To deal with the problem of solid waste 88 percent favored reducing convenience packaging and other disposable consumer items; 82 percent supported a suggestion for a single governmental waste management agency to establish policies and enforce disposal standards for air, water, and land throughout the tri-state area. Large majorities were in favor of policies to slow population growth in the region: 72 percent wanted additional measures to reduce the birth rate, and 64 percent supported the use of federal aid to attract jobs and people to other parts of the country." (From "Global Report" in *Saturday Review-World*, October 9, 1973)

Consumers Fighting Back—"Consumers injured by allegedly faulty products are going to court in record numbers these days. And they're winning bigger and bigger settlements. A \$75,000 award is not unusual. According to surveys by Jury Verdict Research of Cleveland, juries are ruling in favor of consumers more and more — from 49 percent of the time in 1965 to 52 percent in 1972." (From *Everybody's Money*, p. 7, Autumn 1972)

we are to have him as pastor, James said, "He's the kind of man I have no fear for my boys to be influenced by. And I guess that's about the nicest thing I can say about a man."

I agreed.

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NEWEST BOOKS

New Book Asks, "Have You Been Saved?"

HAVE YOU BEEN SAVED? W. Ross Edwards, compiler (Broadman Readers Plan Book, 128 pp., \$1.50).

The subtitle is *The Subject of Salvation Fully Covered*. The compiler is a Baptist editor (Word and Way, Missouri) who has long experience as pastor and evangelist. He is thoroughly familiar with the Bible teaching concerning salvation and in this volume has asked nine other widely known Southern Baptist preachers to write on questions often asked about salvation. These include, What do you mean by saying, being saved?; What must I do to be saved?; Is baptism necessary for salvation?; How can I be sure that I'm saved?; How old must a child be to be saved? and several others. Dr. Edwards then discusses the way of salvation and gives some Bible examples of salvation by studying the experiences of some in the Bible who found Christ. This is a splendid book which deals clearly with some of the issues involved in modern evangelistic effort. It is solidly biblical and will be helpful to any reader both pastors and laymen. It should be especially helpful to Sunday school teachers and parents who must deal with the question of the salvation of children.

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD by Doran McCarty (Broadman Readers Plan Book, 125 pp., \$1.50)

Dr. McCarty is a professor at Midwestern Baptist Seminary. This Seminary professor gives insights in the language of the average reader on how to understand and interpret the Bible as God's revealed word. He deals with some of the problems of interpretation, but also presents many insights which will be helpful to the ordinary student of the word in knowing how to take the message written so long ago and understand its meaning in our own day. This is a helpful volume which should bless many modern readers.

SAMMY TIPPI: GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION as told to Jerry B. Jenkins (Broadman, 121 pp., \$3.95)

The amazing story of a young man from Louisiana who found Christ and heard the

call to become a traveling witness for him. His ministry began by pushing a wheelbarrow of Bibles across the South to meet Arthur Blessitt for rallies in Washington. Later ministries took him to Chicago where he set up program similar to that which Arthur Blessitt had on Sunset Strip. It was in Chicago that he and one of his associates were arrested for passing out tracts on the street and, in a case which was nationally publicized, won the right for Christians to give their witness on the streets of the great cities. His later ministry led him and his group to Germany where they gave a witness to the youth of that land. One of the most spectacular things that he did was to lead a group to the Democratic Convention where the Jesus people disrupted the activities of the group that had come to try to tear the convention apart, leaving them so confused and upset, they were unable to accomplish what they had purposed. Tippit is a Southern Baptist and although his ministry is largely a street ministry with those young people who have been caught up with drugs, sex, and the other satanic forces of this day, he still sees the necessity for tying his witness with the church. This is a very readable book and tells how God is using some of our young people today.

TO RULE THE NIGHT by Astronaut Jim Irwin with William A. Emerson, Jr., (A. J. Holman Co., 251 pp., \$6.95) This book reveals the often-incredible story of Jim Irwin's voyage through space, his landing on the moon, the days spent exploring and studying the moon's surface, and his return trip to earth. He also tells of the changes — physical, psychological, and spiritual — that he has undergone as a result of his experience. Billy Graham says, "This book is a thrilling account of one of the greatest adventures of all time — man's journey to the moon. More significantly, it is also the inspiring story of one man's journey to faith in the God of the Universe. Astronaut Jim Irwin has a unique and challenging story to tell, and I predict this book will be an inspiration to thousands."

THE KING IS COMING by H. L. Willington (Tyndale, paper, 236 pp., \$1.95) An outline study of the events of the last days as they are interpreted by those who hold the premillennial view. Included are such subjects as the Rapture, the Tribulation, the Second Coming, the Millennium, the Great White Throne Judgment and numerous other subjects which relate to eschatology. The messages are in outline form and apparently are presented as used in notes at Lynchburg Baptist College where the author is a teacher.

PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS by John Warwick Montgomery (Bethany Fellowship, 224 pp., \$4.95) One of America's outstanding theologians, and the author of many books, takes a new look at the world of the occult. In his usual thorough manner, this outstanding theologian and popular writer looks into the whole range of the "principalities and powers" issues disturbing our world today, such as ESP, demons, vampires, ghosts, etc. The book majors on interpretation of the phenomena, telling not only what happens, but why. He asks the question, Is it real? Then he shows just how Satan works. That which is false is clearly exposed while that which can be shown as truth is openly examined. Dr. Montgomery writes like he speaks and every page of his book is filled with that which interests the reader.

TONGUES edited by Luther B. Dyer (Le-Roi Publishers, paper, 151 pp., \$2.95) At a time when the tongues movement is so widespread and creating so many problems in the churches, it is good to have a careful study of the whole movement presented by outstanding Baptist pastors and theologians. This book includes seven chapters written by such men as Hugh Wamble of Midwestern Seminary, Wayne Ward of Louisville, Clark Pinnock of Trinity, Chicago, John Newport of Southwestern, and others. The coverage is thorough and the interpretations are biblically based. This should make a contribution to the debate now going on relative to this vital issue.

Letters Express Appreciation Felt For Dr. Hudgins' Leadership

Recognizing the impossibility of including letters of all who would like to write concerning Dr. Hudgins' leadership, the Baptist Record decided to ask a few individuals to write representing various groups. We are sure that not even all groups are represented, but feel that this small selection expresses the feelings of a vast host of persons, who thank God for the leadership he has given.

The Southern Baptist Convention

Dear Doug:

On behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention may I express appreciation for your years of faithful service to all Southern Baptists.

As vice president of the convention, as a long time member of the Executive Committee, as chairman of the Executive Committee, as member and chairman of the Foreign Mission Board and in many other capacities, you have distinguished yourself as a clear thinker, a faithful servant, and an effective leader.

All Southern Baptists join in thanking you for your service and best wishes for fruitful years of retirement.

Sincerely,
Owen Cooper
President, SBC

Executive Committee, SBC

Dear Dr. Odle:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the resolution which the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee approved unanimously in its meeting on September 19, 1973.

I want to express my personal appreciation for the very significant contribution that Dr. Hudgins has made not only to Mississippi Baptists but to the Executive Committee and to the cause of Christ around the world.

May God's richest blessings be with you always.
Sincerely yours,
Porter Routh

Resolution On W. Douglas Hudgins

The forthcoming retirement of W. Douglas Hudgins brings to a close nearly fifty years of active ministry in the cause of Christ.

Born in Estill Springs, Tennessee, Dr. Hudgins was graduated from Carson Newman College with a B.A. in 1926 and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Th.M. in 1939. He was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree by Mississippi College in 1948.

Dr. Hudgins has been a high school teacher, a field worker for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and has had pastorates in Tennessee, Texas and Mississippi, the last being the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi. For the past four years he has occupied the position of Executive Secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

WHEREAS Dr. Hudgins has served effectively as a member and chairman of the SBC Executive Committee and a vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention as well as a state convention leader, and is currently serving on the Foreign Mission Board as its chairman,

AND WHEREAS his labors among us have been many, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we record our gratitude for him and his lifetime of service in the cause of Christ.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we express these sentiments appropriately to him, to his family and to Mississippi Baptists. Adopted by the SBC Executive Committee, September 19, 1973
Porter W. Routh, Executive Secretary

The Convention Board

Dear Dr. Hudgins:

I want to express my deepest appreciation to you for the wonderful service you have rendered to the cause of Christ. I consider it a personal blessing to have had the privilege of serving with you in some of the very fruitful years of your ministry.

Your clear Biblical preaching has been a blessing to me for a long time. Over the past twenty-five years, I have had the privilege of hearing you preach on a number of occasions. I was always blessed because you honored Christ and preached the Word of God.

In the years I have been in Mississippi, you have been the leader of Mississippi Baptists. You led us while you were a pastor both by example and inspiration. Your love for missions has inspired many to do more for the cause of Christ around the world. Then, when you stepped in to become our Executive Secretary at a time of crisis and great need, you continued to be a blessing to the entire cause of Christ. I know that you assumed the office of Executive Secretary with great personal sacrifice to yourself. These years of service have been costly to you. I thank God that I have had the privilege of knowing Doug Hudgins, a man who puts the will of Christ and the cause of God's kingdom first in his life. Thank you, my brother, for your friendship.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Hamblin, Pastor
Harrisburg, Tupelo

First Baptist Church, Jackson

Dear Doctor Odle:

I am honored to be asked and delighted to have a part in honoring Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins on his retirement as Executive Secretary from the State Baptist Convention Board.

You will recall I was Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church at the time of Dr. Hudgins' resignation as pastor of this great church. I, therefore, can speak from a very personal experience and must say from a "life shaking" experience.

As a physician I frequently have patients say they never appreciated their eyes, ears, teeth or some such until they have lost them. This, I am sure, carries over into many areas of life — that we never really appreciate the good things of life until we have lost them. But, I can say from this "life shaking" experience and with all sincerity and with deep conviction that not only I personally but the whole church did not really appreciate Dr. Hudgins until we lost him. His contribution to our church was and is immeasurable, and his influence on our church, through our church and on this community and state through future generations in years to come will, of course, be inestimable.

I cannot envision Dr. Hudgins retiring in the sense that he will be "quitting" for I know that he will continue to be active as a minister and as a pastor at large, and as a counselor and as a dedicated pillar of our church. I, therefore, wish him Godspeed as he retires from the confinement and responsibilities of his office and

from chores which at times, I am sure, are arduous and monotonous and now sets out on his ministry more at his own pace and unimpeded by mundane and administrative restrictions.

I am sure I speak for our church when I commend him for the great work he has done for our church and more recently as Executive Secretary of our State Convention Board, and I am sure our church joins me in wishing him good health and a long and useful life in the years to come.

May God bless him and his family and may God bless you and the Baptist Convention Board as you, too, now must give him up.
Very truly yours,
David J. VanLandingham, M.D.

SBC Executive Secretaries

Dear Dr. Odle:

Doug Hudgins has served as the president of the Executive Secretaries Organization of the Southern Baptist Convention composed of Executive Secretaries from each of the states in the Convention. This is an indication of the high esteem in which he is held by all of these men for his excellent leadership in the Mississippi Baptist Convention. As a member of this organization he has represented the group ably as the designated representative on the Inter-Agency Council of the Convention.

During Dr. Hudgins years as Executive Secretary in Mississippi, he has shared with us his wisdom in many Convention matters coming out of his many years of service as a pastor and a leader on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention where he served as its chairman. We have felt very fortunate to have this good man with us in our fellowship.

George E. Bagley, President, Executive Secretaries Organization
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Alabama Baptist Convention

Baptist Building Executive Staff

Dear Dr. Odle:

When you asked me to write a letter from the staff concerning Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, I asked a number of persons in various positions to give me one or two qualities that characterized him personally and/or professionally, and I am going to let typical answers speak for the staff.

"He is dedicated to the Lord and the work."

"I appreciate his leadership ability, developed from years of experience in Baptist life."

"He is not only capable as a leader, but is capable of being a fellow-worker."

"He has done a good job in an interim period."

"He is a man of personal effectiveness and efficiency."

He is "gracious," "understanding," "thoughtful of us as a department," "interested in us personally," "treats me as a person."

Possibly one summed it up as he said, "He is real personal. He has a warm spirit of love. He has shown his interest in the personal lives of our family—even our hobbies."

We join many others in wishing for Dr. Hudgins years of good health and usefulness in God's work as he retires as our "Chief."

Most cordially yours,
Ralph B. Winders
Director, Dept. of Student Work

Convention Board Staff

Dear Dr. Odle: In appreciation of your leadership...

On behalf of the secretaries and other workers in the Baptist Building, let me say that Dr. Hudgins has been a steadfast and cherished friend as well as an outstanding servant and leader. He has led us with wisdom and warmth and love—always accessible, always interested in our work, our families, our joys, and our sorrows.

We count it a privilege to have worked in the organization with one who is recognized in our city, our state, as well as throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, as a GREAT man. He easily qualifies for our HALL OF FAME.

Sincerely,
Mary Lib Clayburn
(Mrs. C. W. Clayburn)
Secretary to Dr. Hudgins

The Colleges

Dear Dr. Hudgins:

On behalf of the four colleges owned, operated and supported by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, I wish to express our appreciation for your magnificent leadership as our Executive Secretary.

You have given significant and effective emphasis to all phases of our denomination's work at home and throughout the world. We who carry the responsibility of leadership in our Baptist Colleges especially appreciate the emphasis you have given to Christian Education and all that you have done in promoting the work of our Baptist Colleges.

We wish for you many more years of fruitful and satisfying service in the Kingdom of Our Lord.

Cordially yours,
W. L. Compere
President, Clarke College

Other Institutions

Dear Dr. Hudgins:

I appreciate the opportunity of attempting to express in a few words the very tremendous love and respect we hold for our retiring Executive Secretary. Prior to your assuming your present position we knew of your tremendous interest in the programs of our state Baptist institutions. You had occasion to chair many committees that worked directly with our institutions during your years of service as pastor and member of our Convention Board. We respected the fairness which you always displayed in resolving problems in the programs of our institutions. Your very keen insight and interest in what was going on within our institutions have meant so much to

all of us in the Baptist life in this state.

We feel it is so very important that the officers of our Convention Board be cognizant of our institutional programs in order that they can help communicate to our Baptist denomination the program and goals of each of our institutions. You have done this in a very excellent manner. We realize that each of our institutions is indebted to you for the services rendered to us individually and collectively.

As the date for your retirement approaches, we realize we will lose a great person from the official position as Executive Secretary, but we know you will continue to be a tremendous ally, friend, and supporter to our institutions. We feel we can continue to call upon you for counsel in the years ahead.

I am sure I express the sentiments of the heads of each of our institutions, their boards of trustees, and their staff when I say that we wish you many more years of health, happiness and the ability to continue doing that work which you love the most, which is the furtherance of our Lord's work. You have guided, counseled, and given of your talents to our institutional life. We know the Lord will continue to bless you.

Sincerely,
Paul J. Fryor, Administrator
Mississippi Baptist Hospital
written in behalf of all our Baptist State Institutions

The Convention President

Dear Dr. Hudgins:

It has been my privilege to live in the same city with you for almost fifteen and one-half years. In this time, I have come to know you as a fellow pastor and denominational leader.

The past year, while I have been serving as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and you have been our esteemed Executive Secretary and Treasurer, I have come to know and love you even more. You amaze me with your tact, perception, and acumen. There is no question in my mind but what Mississippi Baptists have profited greatly by your able leadership.

Now as you lay down the reins of an official capacity and assume a role of less demands and strenuous activities, I want to assure you of my love and best wishes.

David R. Grant, Pastor
Broadmoor Church, Jackson

Mississippi WMU

Dear Dr. Hudgins:

On behalf of Woman's Missionary Union I want to thank you for the support you've given our work through these years of your administration.

"Support" has meant many things — a frequent word of encouragement, a sharing of information or insight gleaned as President of the Foreign Mission Board, assistance in securing otherwise unavailable speakers, and most especially, a listening ear and a warm heart interested in knowing more of the work of our organization.

Our job of teaching missions, leading people to support missions and helping our members be missionaries where they are has been considerably easier because of your help, interest and understanding.

Most sincerely,
Marjean Patterson
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Woman's Missionary Union

Historical Commission

Dear Dr. Odle:

On the occasion of the retirement of Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins from the leadership of Mississippi Baptists during one of the most constructive periods of their history, a flood of memories presses upon me. The untimely death of Chester L. Quarles forced upon him the responsibility of acting as executive secretary of the Convention Board. The insistence of his many friends and the leadership of divine providence were the factors that persuaded him to give up the pastorate of one of Mississippi's finest churches for the challenge of leadership of Mississippi Baptists.

In the five years Dr. Hudgins has led in the promotion of Baptist work, we have witnessed many significant achievements. Perhaps the greatest of these has been the unity and the harmony which have pervaded Baptist work as the denomination has moved forward on every front to greater achievements.

One of the greatest natural disasters to fall upon Mississippi was the hurricane Camille. Gulfshore, which had served so well in the promotion of the life and work of Mississippi Baptists, was completely destroyed. The need for a facility of this kind to undergird Baptist work in the state was so evident, Dr. Hudgins immediately set to work to secure its replacement.

In addition to Camille there have been lesser natural disasters that have caused suffering and loss. Among these should be mentioned the tornado that swept through the Mississippi Delta and the great Mississippi River flood of 1973. In these cases, as well as in lesser situations, he has led in the mobilizing of resources of Mississippi Baptists to meet the needs of the stricken areas.

The achievements of Mississippi Baptists under Dr. Hudgins' leadership cannot be measured by statistics. It is inspiring, however, to note that the membership of the Baptist church in Mississippi in 1968 was 526,350 and the total gifts in that year were \$39,259,198. The report for 1972 reveals a membership of 558,742 and total gifts of \$50,596,007.

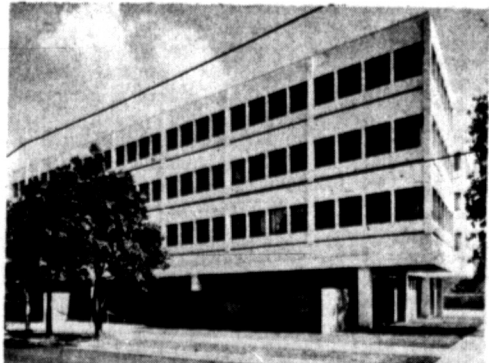
In the field of missions the increased financial resources have been particularly important and encouraging. The support the Mississippi Baptists have given to missions has increased significantly. The state was honored by Dr. Hudgins' selection as president of the Foreign Mission Board, a position he has held with distinction.

The installation of computer services has made possible complete and accurate reports of all phases of the operations of the Baptist program.

In conclusion, let me express the thanks of all Christians for Dr. Hudgins' selfless contribution of his talents and physical strength to the support of the great Baptist work.

Sincerely,
R. A. McLemore, Executive Secretary
Miss. Baptist Historical Commission

Building Committee Chairman: '62-'68, Baptist Building



Dr. Hudgins was chairman of the Building Committee for the erection of a new Baptist Building, 1964-68.



Groundbreaking for the Baptist Building was held July 11, 1968. Dr. Hudgins is second from left, Dr. Quarles in center, and Dr. Kelly third from the right.



Dr. Hudgins speaks at the dedication of the Baptist Building, July 2, 1968. Mrs. Hudgins is shown, front row at left.



Dr. Hudgins vacuums the carpets in the new Baptist Building. Movers had left footprints and debris.



He is shown with program personalities at the Baptist Building dedication. L to r are Hudgins, Methodist Bishop Edward Pendergrass, Dr. Gordon Sansing, Dr. George Bagley, Dr. D. C. Applegate, Dr. Baker Cauthen, and Dr. Robert L. Lee. Seated is Dr. Chester L. Quarles, then executive secretary, MBCB, who died the following week in Peru.

Hudgins-A Man Sent From God

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Someone has well said: "Back of every great man is a good mother and a good wife."

Doug and Blanche not only gave themselves — the one to the other — they gave themselves to the Lord — together in Him — a union sealed in Heaven.

How beautiful! How wonderful! Building a Christian home — a Christian family.

Three sons were born in this Christian home — R. Douglas, W. Robert and James J. And tonight, these sons rise up and call their parents blessed. The Christian home — the citadel of Christian civilization.

Called of God

You can't have a man sent from God until and unless he be a man called of God.

And in 1925, William Douglas Hudgins answered that call, and was ordained to preach the unsearchable riches of the grace of God — twenty years old — answering the call of God.

Every preacher in this great gathering tonight remembers that hour when the Holy Spirit had His way, and, like Doug Hudgins, you answered with trembling lips:

"Here, Lord, I yield my will to Your Will."

If this hour bears no other dividend, it is well spent, if we pause to acknowledge and reaffirm our belief that God is ever calling out the called — Abraham — Moses — Joshua — Amos — Jeremiah — Isaiah — Ezekiel — Daniel — John the Baptist — Simon Peter — James — John — Paul . . .

Unlike Jonah, who resisted the call of God to preach repentance to Nineveh, Doug Hudgins, like Amos, went joyfully and confidently whither-soever the Holy Spirit directed, trumpeting forth the Good News of God's redemptive grace — in rural meetinghouses and in majestic temples of worship on modern boulevards. Like John the Baptist, he everywhere declared: "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Preacher — Pastor — Statesman Convinced and committed would be a fitting estimate of William Douglas Hudgins — convinced that God is, and that He is not only the Holy, Just, Loving, Merciful, Compassionate Saviour and Lord — God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — he committed himself, without reservation, to serve his day and generation by the will of God.

This conviction and this commitment identified Doug Hudgins in three primary areas of discipleship — preacher, pastor, statesman. Look now at these nearly fifty years

of his dedicated, devoted life — from 1925 when he was ordained to 1973 when Mississippi Baptists salute him on this significant evening — and you behold the heartening miracle of what may and can happen in any fully yielded body, mind and soul — any man or woman who "Seeks first the Kingdom of God" for Time and Eternity. And remember, this is just as true for the layman as for the preacher — just as potential for the pew as the pulpit.

Standing Tall — Sun-Crowned

And tonight, Doug Hudgins stands tall and sun-crowned in the glorious saga of Baptist preachers, prophets and statesmen in the cherished heritage of Mississippi — Mullins, Gambrell, Hackett, Searcy, Bailey, Lipsey, Christian, Leavell, Holcomb,

January Bible Study Preview

Dr. Stuart Arnold, pictured, will lead January Bible Study Preview for pastors in three separate meetings. The meetings will be held at Temple Church, Hattiesburg, November 19; at Calvary Church, Jackson, November 20; at First Church, Grenada, November 21. All the meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. with the host church serving the meal. Meals are \$2.00 and are by reservation.

Dr. Arnold is a native of England and is a graduate of Rawdon College. He also holds degrees from Leeds University in that country. He has served as a consultant in the General Administration section of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board since 1968.

Each pastor is urged to attend one of these meetings to help prepare himself for teaching Colossians in January Bible Study. Meal reservations should be made with the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

NAZARETH, Israel — Nazareth Baptist Church and the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel have built a new Baptist center here. The church and association joint project, is situated in an apartment complex which houses 8,000 people. Plans for the center began in 1967 when Baptist layman Omir Hanna and eight church members living in the complex began apartment worship services.

Carroll, Lawrence, Waine, Ball, Rowe, Gunter, McCall, Quarles, Sullivan, Lowrey, Flake, Gray, Province, Goodrich, Fields, Odle, Cooper, Hudgins, and Kelly, and many others.

From 1836 at Washington and Ashley Vaughn to 1973 at Jackson and David Grant, the Mississippi Baptist Convention has been a bright and ever-brightening chapter in the dramatic unfolding Baptist story in America. To God be the glory, and to God we offer thanks for every preacher, every layman, every man, woman and young person who has shared in this glorious achievement — every secretary, ever editor, every teacher, every worker in this vineyard of the Lord.

These all, let us ever remember, were called of God — sent by God — heralds of the Good News — bringing forth sheaves of victory.

To God Be the Glory

And now what shall we say on this happy occasion — what words could ever convey our sense of love and appreciation to Doug and Blanche Hudgins?

Time does not permit a recital of their achievements in the churches he has served and in the denominational leadership he has provided. The record speaks eloquently and abidingly of his ministry as pastor, secretary and author.

Let History take care of the cherished record.

As Dr. Hudgins passes the torch to Dr. Kelly, may we stand, in a moment of silent thanksgiving, and then sing with Isaac Watts:

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

NASSAU, Bahamas — The Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention sponsored its fifteenth annual Baptist Recognition Day Oct. 21 with about 1,000 Baptist from all parts of Nassau participating in a worship service at Zion Baptist Church here.

A perfect bridal lamp is one that is light enough to see by, but too heavy to throw.

Christians are like pianos — grand, square, upright, and no good, unless in tune.

The next worse thing to lying is getting caught at it.

An upright man can never be a downright failure.

Nov. 16-18

Blue Mountain High School Weekend

A record number of reservations have already been made for the 21st annual High School Week-End at Blue Mountain College November 16 - 18, according to Mack Clark who is coordinating the event for the school.

"Right now we are expecting around 350 high school seniors from throughout the Mid - south and that number could go as high as 400," Clark said.

School officials indicate that the week-end will be a busy one for those attending. The Baptist Student Union is sponsoring a party Friday night after many of the high school guests arrive on campus. Registration is set for Saturday morning followed by a general assembly and a number of academic tours of the various departments on the BMC campus.

Following lunch a matinee performance of the school's production of OKLAHOMA will be presented for the week - end guests. Also on tap Saturday is a series of campus life skits and a special Vespers talk.

The week-end of activities concludes Sunday with special morning services, lunch and a general assembly meeting.

This annual Blue Mountain College event is expected to draw students from Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas and Alabama.

Foreign Board - - -

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Coordination of these projects was through three of the board's staff consultants: W. Eugene Grubbs, consultant on laymen overseas, Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development, and Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant.

In his report, Cauten expressed gratitude for gifts and expressions of appreciation given him and Mrs. Cauten in October in honor of his 20th anniversary as executive secretary. He also paid tribute to board president W. Douglas Hudgins, who will be honored in Mississippi upon his retirement as that state's executive secretary.

In other action, the board approved a recommendation that the Foreign Mission Board - sponsored missions musical team, "Grain," be continued until June 1, 1974. The board's committee on missionary personnel presented the recommendation after evaluating the ministry and effectiveness of the team during the past two months.

"Grain," a five - member group of young people with overseas missions experience, will continue traveling to college and seminary campuses and churches interpreting missions through dialogue, music and personal sharing.

The 15 new missionaries bring the board's overseas force to 2,536 missionary personnel in 77 countries.

Appointed as missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Bliss of Kansas and Oklahoma, to East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Glen L. Grosdidier of Texas, to the Philippines; Miss Peggie E. Harmon of South Carolina, to North Brazil; and Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Highfill of Oklahoma and Missouri, to South Brazil.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. (Danny) Hill of Georgia and Texas, to Bangladesh; Dr. and Mrs. Otis M. Hill of South Carolina, to Colombia; and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Squyres of Louisiana, to Taiwan.

Employed as missionary associates to Ghana were Mr. and Mrs. Dean E. Richardson of Texas.

SBC First Month Cooperative Program Figures Below 1972

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's unified Cooperative Program receipts for October, the first month of the 1973 - 74 fiscal year, totaled \$2,708,088, some \$6,968, or .26 per cent, lower than the same month last year.

Designated gifts from Southern Baptist churches were \$241,719 for October, according to John H. Williams, finance planning director and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee. That represents \$100,674, or 29.4 per cent, less than designated gifts of \$342,293 at this point last year.

Williams said combined world missions contributions, including both designated and undesignated Cooperative Program gifts, are running 3.52 per cent, or \$107,641, lower than 1972 receipts for October.

The overall figures totaled \$3,057,448 through October, 1972, but \$2,949,807 through October of this year.

Man was created a little lower than angels and has been getting lower ever since.

The only doctor who can cure a young couple who are in love is a Doctor of Divinity.

International Student Conference To Be Thanksgiving, At Garaywa



Burke



Williams

The International Student Conference, formerly known as International Student Houseparty, will be at Camp Garaywa during Thanksgiving holidays. Registration and room assignment will be on Thursday afternoon and Thanksgiving dinner will be served at the evening hour. The conference closes mid - morning Saturday.

Main speakers and conference

leaders will be Dr. Jack Burke, pictured, Director, Office of International Services, University of Houston, who formerly served in similar capacities at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Southern California, and Benton Williams, Consultant for International Student Ministries, National Student Ministries, BSSB, Nashville, and former missionary to Indonesia. The program will include recreation, movies, social periods, and a talent hour.

International students desiring to attend the conference should register with the BSU Director on their campus. Meals and lodging are provided by the WMU of Mississippi and the program is planned by the Department of Student Work.

This is the first statewide International Student meeting sponsored by Baptists in Mississippi since the Garaywa fire and it comes under a slightly different name, format, and sponsorship.

New Elbethel To Dedicate Building

New Elbethel Church, Lafayette County, plans homecoming and dedication for November 18. They plan to dedicate a new education building.

Morning worship services, beginning at 11, will be followed with a covered - dish dinner. Following the dinner will be the dedication of the new building, which is slated to begin at 2 p.m. Rev. Abbie Thibodeaux, pastor, will be officiating, with Rev. Arthur Leslie as guest speaker. The public and all members, past and present, are invited to join in these events, Sunday, November 18.

New Elbethel church was first organized, November 22, 1914. Two of the charter members, living today, are Mrs. Zula Gossett and Mrs. Editha Sharp.

During the years between 1914 and the present time, the building has seen many changes. Many members recall the days of slat - benches, children on pallets, kerosene lamps, wood-burning heaters and all - day singings. Thoughts of "Dinner on the grounds," in the shade of the huge oak tree that stands to the left of the building, bring back many fond memories.

Today the church building has a choir - loft and two side rooms, hardwood floors and pews, gas heat and electricity. They invite the public to join in the dedication of a new educational building.

Some Christians who should be wielding the sword of the Spirit are still tugging at the nursery bottle.

Modesty is the art of encouraging people to find out for themselves how important you are.



Astronaut Pogue

Baptist Astronaut - - -

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Involvement in the NASA program, and particularly preparation for Skylab 3, have cut deeply into the Pogue family's church attendance and active participation the past year, Mrs. Pogue said.

"We hope to be more active when this is over," she added. Pogue has served as a deacon for the Nassau Bay Baptist church and as Sunday School Superintendent. Pastor of the church, Bill Darnell, has been there only a short time and has not met Pogue, according to reports.

The minister who has probably known Pogue best as an astronaut is William H. Rittenhouse former pastor of the church, now vice - president and executive director of High Flight. He resigned the church in 1972.

"Bill was already an ordained deacon when he came to the Houston area. . . Since we had to go to two Sunday Schools, we made him one of the Sunday School superintendents."

"He did an excellent job with the Sunday School and in Training Union (Southern Baptists' Sunday evening program of Christian education) so we put him on the active board of deacons," Rittenhouse said.

Leonard Thompson's Mother Dies At 70

Mrs. Curley Lee Thompson died suddenly in Jackson Saturday night, November 10, of an apparent heart attack. She was 70.

Mrs. Thompson was the mother of Leonard Thompson, long - time employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who works with the Baptist Record and Mailing Departments.

Funeral services are to be held Thursday, November 15. Survivors in addition to her son, Leonard, include ten other children and a large number of grandchildren.

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has been the recipient of twelve honorary doctorates.

The Staley Lectureship Series was established at Mississippi College in 1969 by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Staley of Rye, N. Y., in memory of their parents.

The Staley Foundation seeks to bring to college and university campuses of America distinguished scholars who truly believe and who can clearly communicate.

Dr. J. W. Lee, MC Faculty, Dies

Services were held Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 6, in Jackson for Dr. J. W. Lee, chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology at Mississippi College, who died unexpectedly at his residence, 1901 County Line Road.

Dr. Earl Kelly and Rev. Fred Tarpley officiated. The services were held at Wright and Ferguson Chapel in Jackson.

Dr. Lee is survived by a sister, Mrs. Herbert Cody of Jackson; two brothers, Robert E. Lee of Jackson and T. G. Lee of Shivers.

He held a BS degree from the University of Southern Mississippi; a master's degree from George Peabody College; a master's degree and PhD from the University of Indiana.

Dr. Lee first joined the Mississippi College faculty in 1955. He was made Chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology in 1962 and served in that capacity until September, 1967, when he was named Dean of the Graduate School at Mississippi College. He returned to the Division Chairmanship this past year.

Alta Woods To Host Thanksgiving Service

Alta Woods Church on Wednesday night, Nov. 21, will host a Community Thanksgiving Service.

To begin at 7:30 p.m., the service is sponsored by Alta Woods Baptist Church, Alta Woods Methodist Church and Alta Woods Presbyterian Church.

The community service is believed to be the oldest interdenominational Thanksgiving service in Jackson.

Preaching the message for the annual event will be Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor of AWBC.

Also leading in the worship service will be the Rev. B. I. Anderson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Lamar Martin, pastor of the Methodist church.

Music for the service will be provided by a combined choir from members of the three churches' performing choral groups and choirs.

Leading the congregational singing and directing the combined choir will be Bill Pharr, minister of music at Alta Woods Baptist Church.

The annual worship service usually draws about 700-800 worshippers.

It is well to remember that mansions in the sky cannot be built out of the mud we throw at others.

Even the men who aren't meek get married and get that way.



The Baptist Children's Village

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Thanksgiving - 1973

Dear Private Baptist Family,

On behalf of children and staff who comprise our large group "family" at The Baptist Children's Village, I extend warmest greetings at the bountiful season of THANKSGIVING. We are grateful to you and hundreds of thoughtful friends such as you for so many of our Village blessings. We extend to your family the best wishes of our family for a year of contentment and happiness. As Thanksgiving approaches, do you thank God for the blessings of a safe private home and a loving family; at this season, do you thank God for parents, children and kin who flood your home with understanding, cooperation and a spirit of forgiveness? On Thanksgiving Day, will you thank God for the manifold material blessings which you enjoy this year - perhaps the most prosperous time in the history of our state?

Boys, girls and young people who make their homes at the Children's Village do not enjoy any of these blessings this year. It occurs to me that you may wish to share your individual blessings with them, as those who love and honor you gather about the bounty of your Thanksgiving table.

In this year of plenty, from your home of plenty, would you consider a cash gift to the food and holiday needs of little children at the Village? You may send your check to them at HOLIDAY FUND, The Baptist Children's Village, P. O. Box 11308, Jackson, 39213.

May God continue to bless you for your friendship, compassion and generosity.

Respectfully,

Paul N. Nunnery
PAUL N. NUNNERY
Superintendent



The Strong Obligated To Love The Weak

Romans 14; 1 Corinthians 8:1 to 11:1
By Clifton J. Allen

One mark of Christian maturity is a sense of responsibility for helping other persons. This is a significant aspect of Christian duty and an important factor in Christian relationships. As we have learned from the two preceding lessons, Christians are joined in a fellowship of love. The exercise of such love is a special obligation on the part of the strong toward the weak. We are to study two passages from Paul's letters, one from Romans and one from 1 Corinthians, in both of which he dealt with the problem of conscientious scruples on the part of some Christians about eating meat that had been offered to idols and about other customs and practices in religious devotion. The issue at stake was, How is Christian freedom to be exercised with love and respect and in recognition of ac-

countability to the Lord? This has many applications to modern Christians.

The Lesson Explained
AVOID JUDGING OTHER PERSONS
(Rom. 14:1-4)

Among the believers in Rome there was a group, evidently a minority, weak in faith — that is, lacking adequate knowledge — who had conscientious scruples about eating meat which had been offered to idols. Those weak in faith felt that eating such meat involved them in idolatry. Other Christians, the majority, felt no problem about the matter. The overly scrupulous believers criticized the more liberal group and vice versa. They were having disputes which cultivated judgmental attitudes to receive the one weak in faith, not for disputing in efforts to convince him that he was wrong but with respect for his scruples. Paul also admonished those who were strong to respect the sincerity and freedom of those with conscientious scruples. As a servant is answerable to his own master, so every Christian is answerable directly to Christ. Note that Paul dealt, in verses 5-9, with the observ-

ance of special days and seasons. Each person is to be convinced in his own mind about his own duty. This does not mean that a Christian has a right and wrong. But he must be convinced in his own mind, regardless of the scruples of others and without sitting in judgment on them.

RESPECT EVERY PERSON'S CONSCIENCE (1 Cor. 8:7-13)

About meat offered to idols, actually an idol is nothing. There is just one God. Since an idol is nothing, meat which is a part of a sacrifice to an idol cannot be affected by its having been a part of a sacrifice. Paul was quick to say that not every Christian had this knowledge. Some of the believers in Corinth were still bound by traditional association with idolatry. Their conscience, being weak, was defiled. One is not judged better in God's sight by what he eats or does not eat. Paul urged the stronger or maturer Christians to exercise their liberty in the light of its effect on the weak. To lead another person into sin by failure to respect his conscientious scruples is to contribute to the destruction of his character. To do such injury to a fel-

low Christian is great sin against Christ. Paul's conclusion was a declaration of a personal moral commitment. He would not exercise his liberty to eat meat, if such would be a means of offense or the cause of a brother's falling. This ought to be the position which every Christian takes in deference to the weakness of some other Christian.

EXERCISE FREEDOM WITH LOVE

This is a central truth of our larger Bible lesson. Love accepts other persons as they are, whether weak or strong, and relates to them in a way to be helpful. A Christian who manifests love toward other Christians does not try to expose their failures or inconsistencies; neither does he try to rebuke them for their weakness or shortcoming. Sincere love will establish a relationship in which instruction can take place. Love seeks to help and to strengthen, never to condemn or embarrass. Freedom exercised with love means that one is willing to forego rights and even to practice self-denial for the sake of the well-being of others in the Lord. The strong can help the weak in no other way.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Following Jesus' Example

John 1:29-51

By Bill Duncan

Everyone has a hero that he wants to be like. A young boy may aspire to be like a professional football player. A medical doctor may dream of being like a professor he had in school. A girl may want to dress and walk like another person.

In the book **Games People Play**, Eric Berne has described the ways in which people pretend they are different from what they really are. They imagine what kind of person they wish to be, then interpret their thoughts and actions in the light of this mental image. There is nothing wrong with children playing. Out of childish imagination, in imitation of an adored adult or ceremony there may grow a mature action, if guided properly. The adults need guidance to see themselves as to who they are. Then they need to find the proper image they would like to become.

Jesus came into the world and lived a purposeful and successful life. Much has been recorded about what he did and how he did it. His life has become an example for us to follow. To many people have accepted the wrong example to follow. They have become someone else in manner and method, but this goal was not what Jesus wanted them to attain. The example of Jesus was perfect.

Do you witness like Jesus witnessed? Just as the content of your witnessing should be that of Jesus, your approach should be like his, too. Most of the people who need

a Christian witness will not come to us or our churches. They never hear a sermon. Therefore, we must go where they are if we would witness to them.

Jesus did not wait for the people to come to him, he went where the people were — market places, homes, fishing piers, busy roads and religious gatherings. He was where men live out their busy lives.

Some people think in terms of "getting people to church" where they can hear the gospel. In our age lost people are not coming to church on their own. Christians are needed to show much patient and genuine interest in them before they will be encouraged to come to church.

The Great Commission is best translated, "as you are going, disciple the nations." Wherever you are, take every opportunity to witness for Christ in a way that will win people, not turn them away, and that will result in their commitment to Christ.

Some places of business do not want their places turned into centers of religious discussion because of the arguments. You are not employed to use your work as a place for Christian witnessing in most cases. You are employed to do your work well. One of the best ways you can witness is by doing your work so well that all who observe you will sense that your Christian commitment leads you to work well done.

Yet, we need to use, as did Jesus, the natural occasions to give our Christian witness. People have a right to wonder about the meaning of your commitment if they work beside you or socialize with you for years and never hear one word about your Christian commitment. You may be

ing up the subject of Jesus Christ. You may encourage them to talk about their church and their religious experiences. A good witness is a good listener. You might find that such interest in them will make an eternal making the most of your everyday contacts for witnessing?

What seems to be God's plan for spreading the good news of salvation? God has spread his love through the whole world. However, He calls upon saved souls to share the tidings of salvation with others. The commission of Christ is frightening when we consider the implication of responsibility. What a challenge! The knowledge must be spread by people who have experienced its power.

John the Baptist preached in such a way that the people who heard his message followed the Lord Jesus Christ. This is a tribute to John's preaching. The topic of his preaching was: "Behold the Lamb of God." The Holy Spirit used John's preaching to open the eyes of understanding.

In response to the message of John the Baptist, two of his disciples followed Jesus. When a person sees Jesus Christ as the sacrifice for sin and is moved to cast all else aside and to follow him, then the Lord becomes his teacher. Christ becomes a guide and companion. Jesus said "What seek ye?" The reply of these men is difficult to interpret. "Master, where dwellest thou?" Perhaps they meant to say, "we would like to know what you mean. What is the source of your strength? Upon what or whom do you depend? Where is your resting place? Where do you dwell?" "Come and see." There was no argument, no explanation or description, no attempt at justification.

When any person takes Jesus as Sa-

viour, all faith is centered on Him. Christ wants the believer to "come and see" to share in the innermost secret of His spiritual strength. If one wants to know the Lamb of God, the door is open.

They came and saw and remained in the fellowship of learning. The response to the Lord caused Andrew to want Simon to have the same experience. "We have found the Messiah... the Christ." This is the only topic necessary to introduce one to the Master.

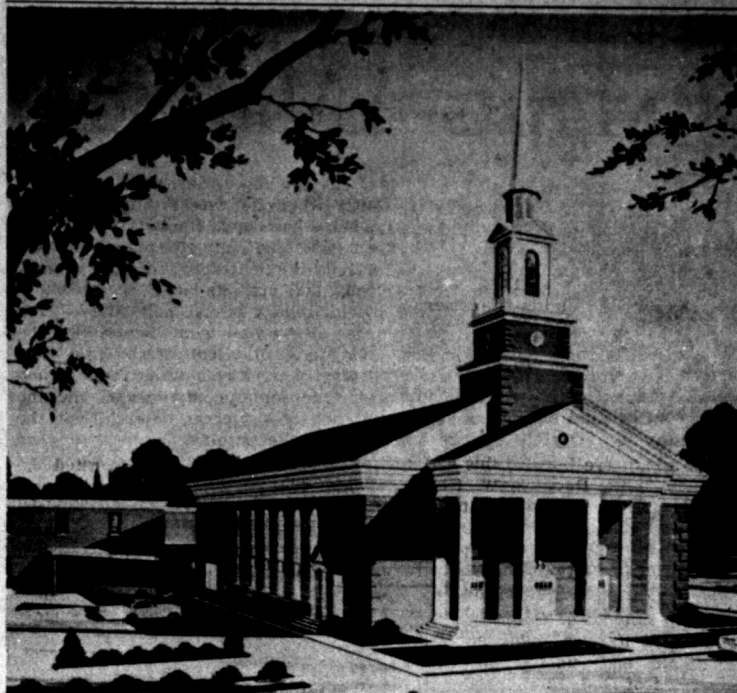
Jesus was able to discern the unstable aspect of Peter's character: shifting, impulsive, full of weakness. "But I will make you a dependable man, just like a rock for strength of character."

Look at how Jesus deals with people personally. At the outset He invited two men to spend the night with him, and by that personal touch changed their lives. He led the early disciples to do the same.

John reported that a Spirit-filled minister such as John the Baptist, could turn people to Christ. And when men came to Jesus, they went out to win their own family and friends.

Bel Aire Calls Pastor

Rev. Kenneth E. Walters, pastor of Walnut Grove Church, Walnut Grove, for over two years, has accepted the pastorate of Bel Aire Church, Gulfport. While at Walnut Grove, he has served as Vacation Bible School director and vice-moderator of Leake County Association. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, and has a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Seminary. Previous pastorates include Steele Church, Scott County; Owingsville Church, Owingsville, Kentucky; Forks of Elkhorn Church of Midway, Kentucky; and Bicknell Avenue Church, Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Walters is married to Faye Porter and they are both natives of Scott County, Mississippi. They have three children: Shelia, 8; Ken, 6; and Paul, 3.



First Church, Brookhaven To Have Inaugural Services In New Buildings

First, Brookhaven, will occupy their new sanctuary and Family Life Center with special inaugural services on November 25. This day marks exactly two years from the date of groundbreaking for the visionary "Century Two" building program of the church.

Pictured is the colonial design sanctuary with seating for 1300 people. Special features include a Moller Organ with over 2100 pipes and a Steinway concert grand piano. There is also custom designed pulpit furniture, unique to this church, and some innovative features in sound systems.

The Family Life Center is a complete activities building including a college-size gymnasium, four bowling lanes, a full sized snack and short order bar, game rooms, lounge, dressing rooms, offices, and multipurpose areas.

The investment in new structures, property and remodeling of existing buildings totals \$1,500,000. Some of the refurbishing of old buildings has been done by the men and women of the church.

Rev. P. A. (Red) Michel, pastor, extends a special invitation to former members and friends to attend the inaugural services. The theme of the day will center around "Thanks to God From Whom All Blessings Flow." In addition to regular services for the day, there will be an open house from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

J. D. Klepzig, Deacon Chairman, Dies At Abbeville

Chairman of Deacons, Jackie Dale Klepzig, age 44, of First Church, Abbeville, died October 28, 1973. His fellow deacons, pastor and church members adopted a resolution in tribute to his life, Sunday, Nov. 4. Jackie K. Klepzig devoted himself "unselfishly to the cause of Christ, by practicing his religion and by teaching his Christian beliefs through all his works in the church."

The resolution recognized him for his time, his talents, his steadfastness, his firm convictions, his love for souls, and his services to the church.

Pastor Millard L. Swinney adds, "This man has been a genuine supporter of Baptist work and a blessing to our lives and deserves to be recognized for the wonderful example he set."

Hello Day

November 21

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Children's Village Seeks To Employ 'Houseparents'

The Baptist Children's Village in Jackson is employing new staff members, both men and women, in the capacity of "houseparents," according to an announcement released by Paul N. Nunnery, Superintendent at the Convention's child care agency. Nunnery explained that individuals employed in this capacity will actually live and make their homes in the cottages with the children under care on the Village's Jackson campus, serving as substitute parents for Village boys and girls.

The announcement reveals that single ladies as well as husband and wife teams will be considered, preferring those who are between the ages of 40 and 55 years. It has been emphasized that individuals who have already attained the 60th birthday may

not be considered as staff applicants at the Village because of retirement policies.

In the announcement, Superintendent Nunnery pointed out that interested applicants must be in sound physical and emotional health, and they must be prepared to furnish a physician's statement to that effect, and they must be able to furnish at least three character references in addition to enjoining the unqualified endorsement of the pastor of a Southern Baptist church in the natural home area. A high school diploma and even college training is desirable, but not required.

According to Mr. Nunnery, personality, temperament and emotional stability, along with good moral character, a genuine Christian experience

and demonstrated church loyalty are the most important factors considered by the Village in employing houseparents. It is said that the ability of the applicant to live and work in a crowded group environment and relate properly to adult staff associates and to the children under care is a consideration of great importance.

"I know there must be healthy, well-adjusted Baptist Christians in Mississippi, without dependents, who have long felt a sincere desire to serve God in a full-time capacity, but who continue to feel disqualified because of a lack of formal education or training or some other factor such as inability to travel outside the state. Hundreds of such Christians have found a satisfying sense of reward in serving as missionaries to children on the staff of The Baptist Children's Village," Superintendent Nunnery has stated. "We cordially invite interested adults to telephone or write us for applications and appointments, if they

feel a sense of interest in this challenging mission opportunity."

The announcement indicates that inquiries may be addressed to: The Baptist Children's Village, Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213, attention: Mr. T. D. Rodgers, Home Life Director or the Village may be telephoned in Jackson at 922-2242 for the attention of Mr. Rodgers, or if applicants prefer, Superintendent Nunnery.

Interested Students May Audition For Music Scholarships At MC, December 1

Students from throughout the state who attend the annual High School Day program at Mississippi College on Saturday, Dec. 1, will have the opportunity of auditioning for music scholarships according to Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts.

"We want anyone throughout the state who is interested in auditioning for a scholarship in our department to be prepared to do so when they come visit with us on High School Day," said Dr. Lyall.

The auditioning sessions will be divided into six separate categories—organ, piano, voice, band, theory and church music.

"Students interested in these categories should contact the faculty member in charge, with the actual auditions coming during the second

departmental sessions starting at 11:30 a.m.," continued Dr. Lyall.

Faculty members conducting the auditions will be Billy R. Trotter, organ; Dr. Ralph Taylor and Miss Patricia Walston, piano; Gerald Claxton, Miss Mary Berner, and Miss Rose Mary Porter, voice; Glenn Triplett, band; Dr. James Slater, theory; and Tommy Spigener, church music.

Registration for the special day begins at 9 a.m. in Nelson Hall.

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Devotional

No Private Interpretation

II Peter 1:19b-21

By M. W. Hubbell, Pastor, First, Cleveland

It is reasonable to assume that Peter as well as the other biblical writers had a reason for writing. Sometimes the reason is more apparent and less obscure than at other times.



In writing his second epistle Peter seeks to underscore the parousia or the coming again of the Christ. While developing this purpose, the proverbial rock disclaims "cleverly devised myths" relating to the power and coming of Jesus Christ. On a positive note, Peter sounds his opinion regarding the support of the prophetic word relating to the coming again of Christ.

It is in such a context that Peter says, "... no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation. . . . Such words cause a doubletalk. Is Peter saying?

Interpretation of the scriptures is not left to the individual's clever imagination or prejudiced opinion. To safeguard against such, a strong view evolved among some Christians which limited scriptural interpretation to the "qualified." Only they had the interpretation; the masses had to be spooned from their silverware. Eventually the snakehandlers and those who were baptized for the dead shook themselves free and ran wildly shouting their weird interpretations of the Scriptures.

Interpretation of the Scriptures lies within the jurisdiction of the Holy Spirit. No true prophet or spokesman of God ever spoke simply because he had an axe to grind, he spoke because of the nudging and urging of God's Holy Spirit. Therefore, an interpretation comes to a submissive child of God when he kneels in the presence of the Holy Spirit saying, "Now, what does the Word say?"



Home, Foreign Missionaries Speak At BMC

During a special mission and evangelistic emphasis at Blue Mountain College, these home and foreign missionaries were introduced in a morning assembly by Rev. Robert P. Sugg, Baptist Student Union director. Left to right are Rev. Tom Thurmond, missionary to Bangladesh, who delivered the address of the day; A. D. Maddux, missionary to East Indiana (Associational); Mr. Sugg; Rev. Arlin Richardson, former member of the Ministerial Association at Blue Mountain, and pastor of Hickory Flat Church, and Mrs. A. D. Maddux, wife of the missionary to Indiana, and former student of Blue Mountain. Mr. Sugg is holding a handmade fan from Bangladesh, which was laughingly displayed as Mr. Thurmond's automatic air-conditioner in his mission field.

Extension Centers Offer Learning Answers

NASHVILLE — What causes good learning?

The Seminary Extension Department of Southern Baptists' six seminars offers at least seven guidelines which suggest how learning is established.

Learning is enhanced, the Seminary Extension Department says, when:

1. It is related to the problems and felt needs of the learners.
2. It takes place in the locale in which application is to be made.
3. The learner is appropriately involved in setting goals, planning processes, and evaluating results.
4. The methods used are consistent with the goals and abilities of the learners.

5. Both course materials and the personal experiences of learners are used skillfully as resources in achieving the learning objectives.
6. It is consistent with and improves the self-concept of the learner.
7. The learner is encouraged and assisted in using what he has learned in real-life situations.

According to J. C. Bradley, associate director of the Seminary Extension Department, "Extension centers

meet all of these basic requirements for true learning experiences."

He explained that a seminary extension center "is an educational institute, or single class meeting independently, whose purpose is providing academically oriented continuing education opportunities for pastors and others desiring Christian training."

Centers are normally under direct sponsorship and supervision of a local responsible group, such as an association or Baptist college. Strong academic disciplines are maintained. Centers use approved curriculum resources provided by the Seminary Extension Department, and offer training through either study or independent study or both.

Step-by-step guidance in establishing a Seminary Extension center is available from Seminary Extension Department, Southern Baptist Convention Building, 400 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.

The course of true love never runs smoothly — and the detours aren't much better.

Interior Design Service Successful In First Year

NASHVILLE — In its first year of operation, the church architecture department's interior design consulting service has "exceeded our expectations," says Rowland E. Crowder, department secretary at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"During the 1972-73 church year, this service has provided aid to 39 Southern Baptist churches," Crowder stated. "An additional 13 churches have been helped before and after the past church year."

Mississippi churches using the interior design service to remodel their auditoriums are the First Baptist Churches of Natchez and Pontotoc.

In July, 1972, the interior design project was initiated on a cost recovery basis by the board of trustees meeting at Gloria (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Churches requesting the service reimburse the church architecture department at predetermined rates. This cost covers time spent on the project by the designer, the designer's travel expense to and from the church and his living expenses while at the church.

"The interior design service does

not curtail any of the no-cost program services the architecture department has always offered," said Crowder. "These include floor plan recommendations, program field services consultation, site development plans and remodeling suggestions."

In this new project, the designer helps churches with furnishings, coordination of carpets, drapes and other decoration, materials and light fixture selection. Also, he coordinates the project with the local architect to resolve any design-construction problems.

"Frankly, we didn't know what to expect from the interior design service," says Fred Turner, supervisor of the architectural services section II. "We felt that if we could reach 25 churches in the first year we would be satisfied. This goal was surpassed. We plan to help 40 churches this year but will probably aid more than 50 churches."

"We anticipated the interior design project to be a half-time job," added Crowder, "but it has developed into a full-time operation. We will definitely continue the service and will possibly expand it."

523 Professions Of Faith In Eight Weeks In Mid-America Evangelistic Activities

Five hundred twenty-three professions of faith in eight weeks! That's the report of students and faculty of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary for evangelistic activities during the quarter just ended.

"Such a report thrills our hearts—even more than the 7 new students who enrolled last week to begin their Seminary studies," said Dr. B. Gray Allison, President of Mid-America.

"We repeatedly have called attention to Mid-America's emphasis on practical evangelism and missions. But this report does it much more vividly. Those accepting Christ varied in age from a 78-year-old man, during a revival at which a faculty member preached, to a 6-year-old girl in children's church where a student is serving."

Enrollment at Mid-America now totals 88. The Seminary is meeting in facilities of Olivet Baptist Church until a permanent campus is constructed in Maunelle New Town, near Little Rock.

Registration for the third quarter will be January 8, 1974, with classes to start January 9. Dr. Allison reminded that students may enter at the beginning of any term.

NORTH CAROLINA DEFEATS LIQUOR-BY-THE-DRINK BY 370,000 VOTES

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—North Carolina voters, spearheaded by "Get Out the Vote" efforts in churches through the state, overwhelmingly defeated a liquor-by-the-drink referendum by a more than two to one margin.

The state-wide referendum, which would have provided for local option drink sales if approved, was defeated by more than 370,000 votes. With only a few precincts unreported, the tally was about 670,000 against the referendum and about 300,000 for it.

Anti liquor-by-the-drink forces carried more than 95 of the state's 100 counties in one of the most lopsided contests in North Carolina history.

The vote climaxed a six-month campaign against the referendum lead by the North Carolina Christian Action League (CAL), dominated by Southern Baptist leadership.

Coy Privette, pastor of North Kannapolis Baptist Church and president of the CAL, hailed the vote as a "great victory for the church."

Well-Known Scientist To Speak In State

Dr. Henry M. Morris, pictured, an internationally known and highly respected scientist from San Diego, California, is to be in Mississippi from Nov. 16-19, under the cooperative sponsorship of Dr. Jerry P. Moore of Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian and Dr. O. P. Moore and George F. Raines of Newton, for a series of lectures on the harmony between the Bible and true science.



His thesis includes the affirmation that there is a vast difference between true science and pseudo-science (science falsely so called).

On Nov. 17, Dr. Morris is to speak at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, at 7 and on Nov. 18 he will speak at McDowell Road Church in Jackson. He is scheduled to speak at the regular Sunday evening service of First Church, Newton on the same day. He will conclude his visit in Mississippi with a lecture to the combined student bodies and faculties of De-

catur High School and East Central Jr. College at Huff Memorial Auditorium at the college in Decatur from 9:50 to 10:40 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 19.

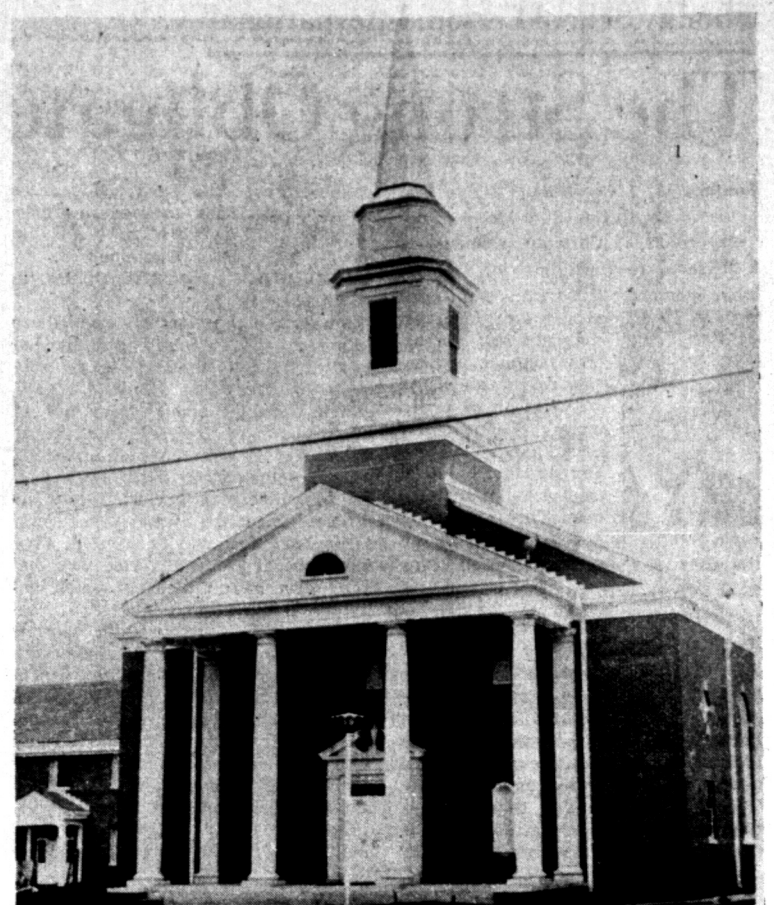
Dr. Morris graduated with distinction from Rice University in Houston, Texas and received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Minnesota with a major in hydraulics and minors in geology and mathematics.

The author of 18 books on scientific subjects and 146 magazine and newspaper articles, he is presently the Director of the Institute for Creation Research in San Diego.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dr. O. P. Moore (683-2303) or George F. Raines (683-3248) in Newton. Anyone who desires to make a small contribution to be applied to Dr. Morris's expenses should make his check payable to Dr. Henry M. Morris and mail to Dr. Moore (102 Pinecrest, Newton) or Mr. Raines (206 Cherry St., Newton).

Gasoline consumption in the United States in 1972 hit an all-time high of 102 billion gallons, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

A stamp is the only thing that has to get licked before it can prove its usefulness.



Ackerman Dedicates New Building

Dedication services were held November 4 at Ackerman Church for their new building. Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, MBCB, was featured speaker at the 11 o'clock service. Rev. J. B. Smith, former pastor, preached in the evening service. Open house was held in the afternoon. The new building, consisting of sanctuary, offices, pastor's study, and additional educational space, was begun October 1, 1972 and completed approximately one year later. Perry Construction Co. of Philadelphia was General Contractor with Gilmore & Biggers of Jackson as architects. Ackerman Church was organized in 1885 and this is the third building to be occupied by the congregation. Rev. Dan Thompson is pastor.

Called To Arkabutla

Arkabutla Church, Tate County, has called Rev. Jimmy Carr as pastor, and he has already moved on the field.

Mr. Carr was formerly pastor of



Academy Church, Tippah County. While he was Academy, the church built a new pastorage, paid off the church debt and is now debt-free, installed new pews and carpet, and realized an increase in Sunday School and Church Training attendance.

Mr. Carr is married to the former Elaine Dillard of Blue Springs.

Off The Record

And then there was the new bride who went through six boxes of cake mix trying to concoct a birthday cake for her husband. Everytime she put the cake in the oven the candles would melt.

Middle-age is when you hop out of bed in the morning and can't straighten up.

A student filling out an application for financial aid came to space marked: "Parents' Estimated Worth." He thought for a moment, then wrote: "Sentimental value only."

At a reception I was talking to a friendly stranger who had arrived late. "I don't know what's the matter with that tall man over there," I said rather querulously. "He was so attentive a while ago, but he won't look at me now."

"Perhaps he saw me come in," she replied. "He's my husband."

—S. S. in New York Sunday News

Names In The News

Dr. Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Church, Roanoke, Va., will tell from 20 to 25,000,000 people that "it is the height of deceit to try to give something which is worth nothing and do it under the pretense of personal sacrifice." The Virginia pastor will be the Thanksgiving speaker on "The Baptist Hour," Nov. 25. He also reminds, "When the spirit of giving something which is worth nothing characterizes a man's commitment to God, it ceases to be amusing and bears the ugly earmarks of sin." In his sermon, "That Which Costs Me Nothing" Dr. Fuller suggests that "if Thanksgiving is fraught with significance it must, of necessity, involve a personal commitment to the one being thanked."

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Merritt, missionaries to Germany, were expected to arrive Oct. 31 for furlough (address: Rt. 1, Buckatunna, Miss. 39322). He is a native of the Hattiesburg, Miss., area. Mrs. Merritt, the former Elizabeth Pope, was born in Mobile, Ala., and lived in Chicago, Miss.

Mrs. Lee McAllister (Sue), pictured, has assumed responsibilities for a portion of the youth program at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo. Her staff title is coordinator of youth programs. Mrs. McAllister is a 1973 graduate of MSCW, holding a B. S. degree with a major in religion-Bible and a teacher's certificate in physical education. Her husband is on the staff of the Bank of Mississippi. She is the daughter of Mrs. Robert Walker Smith of Magee. Dr. Robert Hamblin is pastor of Harrisburg.



Donald E. Dunahue, 22, was licensed to the gospel ministry on November 1, by Rev. Kara Blackard at Beulah Church, Myrtle. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dunahue of Myrtle, he and his wife, Lynn Frayser Dunahue and son, Timothy, are making their home at Route 2, Myrtle.



Mr. Dunahue is available for supply. Any church without a pastor and interested is encouraged to contact his pastor, Rev. Kara Blackard, Beulah Baptist Church, Myrtle, Miss. 38650.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob G. Magee, missionaries to Chile, were expected to arrive Oct. 30 for furlough (address: Route 5, Tybertown, Miss. 39667). He is a native of Tybertown and she is the former Dolores Bradley of Gulfport. Before their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970, he was minister of music and associate pastor at Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, Mississippi.

Bobby R. Wedgeworth was licensed to the gospel ministry by Rev. A. M. Moore III, at Pass Road Church, Gulfport, Nov. 4. He received a gift from the church, The Holy Bible, presented by Jack Spain, chairman of deacons. Bobby was born in Petal, and graduated from Petal High School. He is married to the former Pauline Callahan of Hattiesburg. They are the parents of four children, Regina, Russel, Robbie and Randi. He has been employed by the Miss. Power Co. for the past 14 years. They have lived on the Gulf Coast for the past twelve. He is now in his second year as a student in New Orleans Seminary.

Rupert Ringold, Winona attorney, is available for speeches on community, inspirational or religious topics. A graduate of Mississippi College, he earned a Master's degree from George Peabody Teachers College and a studied at Cumberland Law School at Lebanon, Tenn. A licensed Baptist minister, he also studied at Southwestern and New Orleans Seminaries. He is a former mayor of Winona. Mr. Ringold has taught Sunday school for 35 years.

Mrs. H. Douglas Palmer, the former Rosalyn Hyder, 1960 graduate of OBU, has been selected for inclusion in the 1973 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America. Mrs. Palmer lived in Jackson for two years while her husband served as associate pastor of Alta Woods Church. Her husband's parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Palmer of Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson.

Thomas Jot Smyth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry P. Smyth, missionaries to Brazil on furlough, married Janella Kaye Nebhut in Lubbock, Tex. His parents can be addressed at 2613 45 St., Lubbock, Tex. 79413, the hometown of his father. Before appointment in 1953, his father was pastor of Lexie Church, Tyler-town, Miss.



Josephine Pile, senior editor of youth materials in the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, recently was awarded the status of Career Professional Employee for her 29 years service and outstanding contributions to the ministry of the Sunday School Board. James L. Sullivan (left), president of the board, and Allen B. Comish, director of the church services and materials division, are shown here with Miss Pile as she received the award.